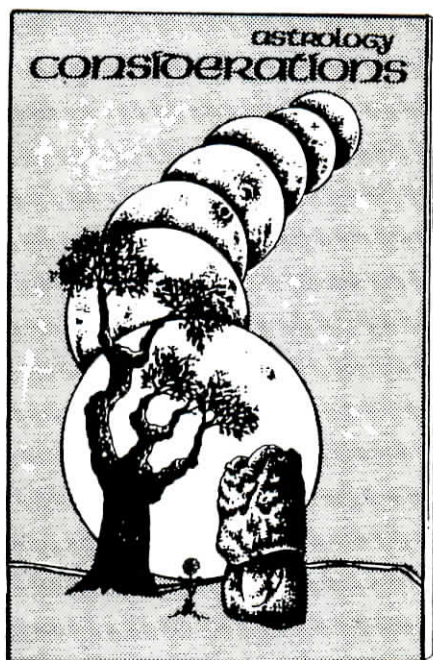


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These Considerations



GLORY BE! Hyakutak's hairy star was clearly visible in the night sky, and ♃ is now in ♊ and ♀ is in ♏.

Much has been written elsewhere on the movement of ♀ and ♃ into their new Signs. This combination will, we're told, increase our awareness — though of what is often unstated, presumably it's intuitively obvious. Trying to catch up with these livelier minds, we've been scanning the five-year period from 1748 to 1752, the last time the two planets were both in these same Signs (♃ was then in ♎, opposing his present location). This period saw revolutions in both literature and music: the first English novels were published, those by Richardson, Fielding and Smollett, and the symphony and sonata first appeared in their present forms. Several universities were founded and Princeton was relocated; Ben Franklin invented the lightning conductor; the British advanced into India; and the Gregorian calendar was introduced into Britain and her American colonies. 1748 was the beginning of the Western Movement across the Alleghenies, when the Virginia-based settlers crossed over into Ohio and Kentucky and began displacing the French. The same period also marked the legal recognition of slavery in the American colonies and the inauguration of the plantation system in the South.

Events involving universities and territorial expansion relate to the influence of ♀ in ♏, but what about the slavery legislation and the start of the plantation system? How could this have happened when these two planets were located in the Signs that are associated with freedom and independence?

Regardless of the wishful dreaming of our New Age friends, the Sign ♊ is ruled by ♈, whether or not ♃ is co-ruler, and (as the second from ♈) it indicates the ♈ bosses' resources and wealth. The planet ♃ innovates, revolutionizes and improves whatever resources are to hand. In ♊ he will provide new ways to generate wealth and do so utilizing the resources the Sign provides, here groups of people, an entire race. ♏ is a freedom-loving Sign, one that needs independence in order to cross physical and mental frontiers to investigate the previously unknown. However, the planet in ♏ during this time was ♀, the astrological symbol of death, the distant one who comes silently in the night and not only removes what we value but tramples on it and subjugates it into his cold unfeeling world. ♀ delighted in taking away the ♏ freedom, ♃ found innovative ways of utilizing it.

The South's plantation owners thrived by the labor of their slaves, the Westward Expansion continued and the wealth of the country increased but did so by annihilating the way of life of the native-born Americans, and the British Raj went on to make India a jewel in its crown and rule the destinies of the sub-continent's millions. So much for the combined benevolence of ♀ in ♏ and ♃ in ♊. Good for some, less so for others. Makes one sort of aware, doesn't it?

Lots of good reading in the current issue: the elections, progressed charts, a fascinating method for predicting pregnancy, retrogrades, the stations of the ☿, news about Apple computer, and a look at some born-again Christians. Enjoy!

Who's Who in the '96 Presidential Election

CAROLE DEVINE

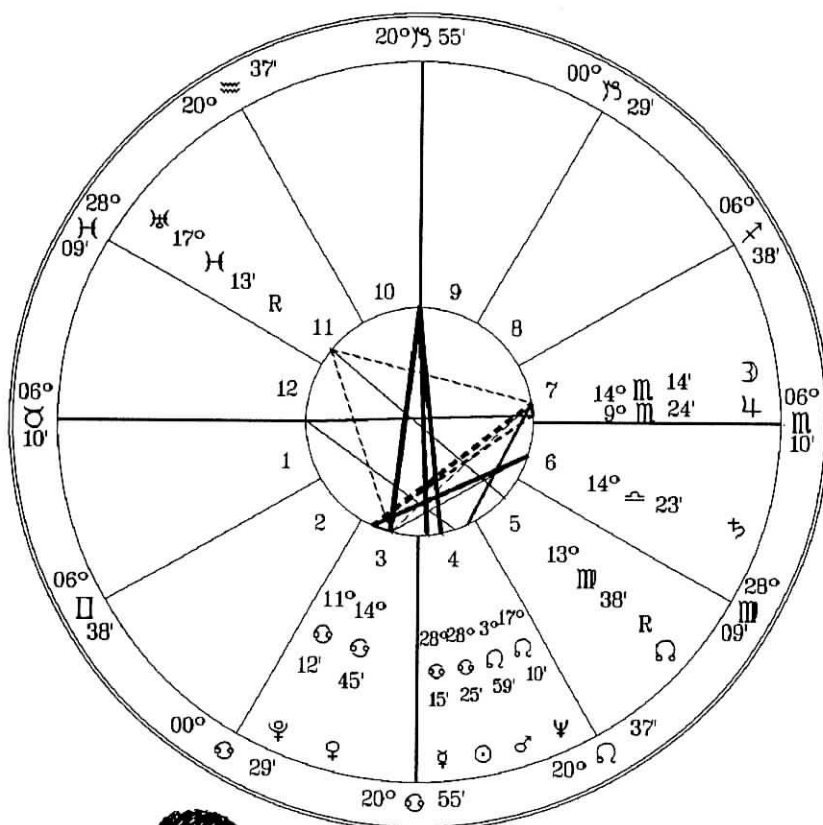
THE LAST SEVERAL years have been dominated by a cluster of activity in $\overline{\alpha}$ which naturally favored a resurgence of conservative politics. This led to a sweeping victory for the Republicans in the legislature in November 1994. Therefore, when this year started, the Republican party constituents were pompously sure of themselves and thought there would be "no contest" in unseating Clinton. But, behind their backs (after all, what politician takes Astrology seriously other than Reagan?) unpredictable $\mathbb{X}$ slipped into *avant garde* $\approx$ and powerful $\mathbb{P}$ traversed the line into idealistic $\mathbb{X}$. Mass consciousness has seemed to change. Robert Dole, the leading contender, has had a rude awakening.

Born in Russell, Kansas on July 22, 1923 at 12:10 a.m., Dole has been obviously grooming for the presidency since Clinton took office. His barrage of criticism and abuse toward the Clinton administration has been relentless. He has the $\mathbb{D}$ in $\mathbb{M}$ and $\mathbb{O}$ rising, a persistent combination, and when combined with the $\odot$ in tenacious $\mathbb{G}$, his ability to imitate a dripping water faucet, constantly hammering on a theme, is superb. Unfortunately, since he has the $\odot \propto \mathbb{F}$ in the same degree and $\propto \sigma$ out-of-Sign at the beginning of Ω , his traditional thought processes are highly subjective. σ is the "wild card." It is not only $\propto \odot$ and $\mathbb{F}$, but is also $\square$ the Ascendant and a $\mathbb{M} \mathbb{D} \propto \mathbb{V}$ in the VIIth House. If σ were not there, it would be a benevolent, generous, non-confrontational combination, but with the presence of such a stimulant, a constant irritation is set up. The generosity of $\mathbb{D}-\mathbb{V}$, having a hidden agenda in $\mathbb{M}$, is given ulterior power motives when stressed with a $\Omega \sigma$. Patience is impaired, and it is hard to hide a short fuse. Hasty judgment could be a problem as well overreaction to anything stimulating the emotions. Further, it is hard to "get through to" a person with $\odot$, $\mathbb{F}$ and σ so closely connected. It would be important for him to salvage pride and almost impossible to really see another's viewpoint.

But, the $\mathbb{D} \propto \mathbb{V}$ is in a grand trine with $\mathbb{X}$ and a $\mathbb{F} \propto \mathbb{P}$. This is indicative of a great sense of humor, which helps him relieve tension. Although he does have a hard time dropping a subject once he has latched onto it, he does easily access original ideas.

Figure 1:

Robert Dole
00:10 a.m. CST, July 22, 1923
Russell, Kansas: 38N54 98W52



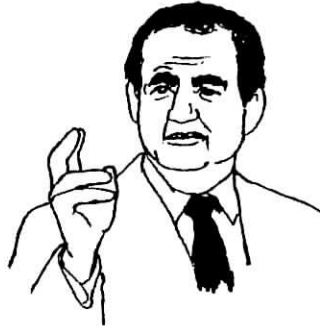
On a personal level, ♃ in ♋ ♀ in ♋, indicates inhibition in expressing affection despite the grand trine in water. Water grand trines, however, usually manifest as emotional self-containment -- a kind of "I don't need anyone" attitude. However, with all that water, this man *is* emotional, which is likely to project unfavorably since he takes things so personally. As president, he might end up showing us that pride, emotion and defensiveness could hamper levelheaded reasoning.

Presidential elections are hard to call because each candidate is at the pinnacle of his career. Just being a contender is a success indicator. But, we'll examine each one's prospects for what we can glean. Progressing Dole's chart to Nov. 5, 1996 at 11:30 p.m. in Washington, which is probably when we would have a good idea of the election result, it is interesting to note that the progressed $\mathcal{D}$ is about a degree (equaling a month) away from triggering the grand trine -- a most auspicious indicator! Transiting $\mathfrak{h}$ is σ the progressed MC, which can show either added responsibility or disappointment in the career. But solar arc *and* transiting $\mathfrak{h}$ are approaching a conjunction to the natal MC. That would indicate a pinnacle of enormous success.

All during the campaign, $\mathfrak{K}$ is opposite Dole's $\odot \sigma \sigma'$ showing unexpected ups and downs and a chaotic schedule. That would be expected, but usually the person who owns the chart is surprised at the turns of events. He would have to be resilient and ready to change direction on a moment's notice.

The most important thing evident in this chart is the position of solar arc Ψ . It is at $28^\circ 03' \approx$ on election day. Therefore, in the ensuing months it will square the $\odot \sigma \sigma'$ in the natal chart indicating confusion, lack of direction and perhaps deception. Not a great way to begin a presidency, if he wins.

BORN November 2, 1938, at 12:02 a.m. EST in Mount Vernon, NY, Pat Buchanan really does appear to be an extremist. Again, like Dole, there is a $\mathcal{D} \sigma \mathfrak{h}$ in the VIIth House in a fixed Sign, this time $\approx$. These two really see themselves as generous "missionaries" who are "saving the country." However, $\mathfrak{f}$ is important when assessing mental processes. Logically, we would want a mature, reasonable mind making decisions for us. Here we have $\mathfrak{f}$ in a T-square with $\mathfrak{h}$, $\mathcal{D}$ and $\mathfrak{K}$, which in turn is opposite not only the $\mathfrak{f}$, but the $\odot$ as well. This is ultra-independent, over reactive, and being in a water Sign and House, quite emotional to boot. A close sextile of $\mathfrak{f}$ to Ψ confers a touch of magical insight, however, so he will be good on his feet and off-the-cuff.



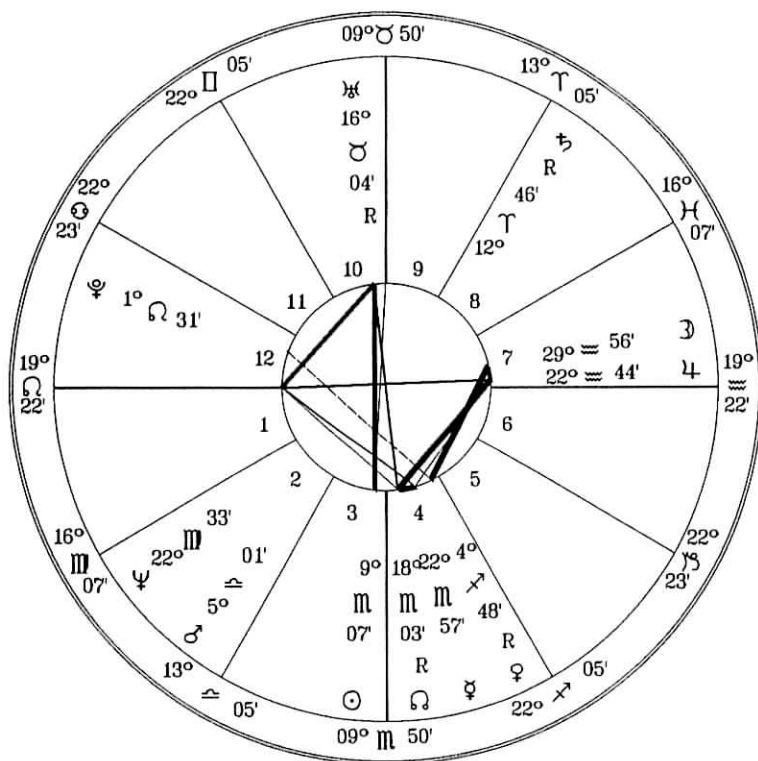
Buchanan's progressions, solar arcs, *et al* on election night are not promising. Progressed $\mathcal{D}$ is within a half degree of conjuncting progressed $\mathfrak{h}$ and will go on to conjunct natal $\mathfrak{h}$ a month later. $\mathfrak{K}$ transiting opposite

Figure 2:

Pat Buchanan

00:02 a.m. EST, November 2, 1938

Mount Vernon, New York: 42N45, 78W53

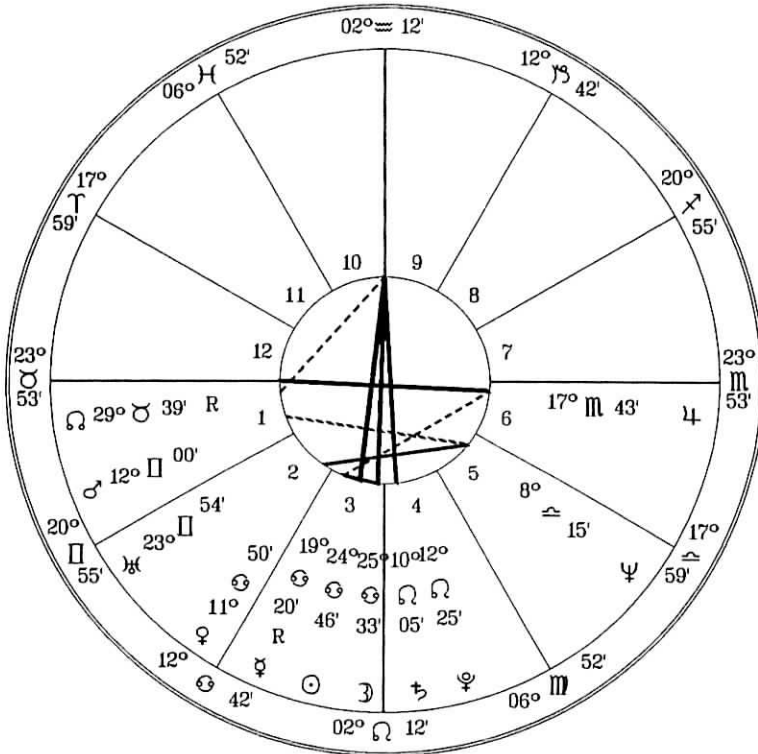


natal and progressed ☾ usually points to a process of beginning all over again in some way -- an unexpected need to go back to basic issues within one's psyche. Also, consider that in a little over a year and a half from the election, solar arc ♀ will conjunct natal ♀ and square ☿. In terms of financial insight and judgment, that would be a disaster! It is highly improbable that Buchanan will even get the Republican nomination.

NOW FOR the "outsider," Steve Forbes, who was born on July 18, 1947 at 1:35 a.m. in Morristown, NJ. (All data, incidentally, are from Lois Rodden's *Data News*.) Forbes, like Dole, is a ☿ with ☿ rising, but he is the owner of a new Moon chart. He has a conjunction of the ☿, ☾ and ♀ in ☿. He lacks Dole's irritable disposition, which is a plus, but he also lacks his savvy. It is refreshing to see such straightforward patriotism (☿ △ ♀, ♀, ☾ and ☿, ALL in ☿), but ♀ in ♌ squares ♀, the ruler of the chart and Vth House. This is a dreamer, a romantic, and someone who will not relate to the tactics of the sharks in

Figure 3:

Malcolm "Steve" Forbes
 1:35 a.m. EDT, July 18, 1947
 Morristown, New Jersey: 40N48, 74W29



Washington. Granted there is a tough $\text{♈} \text{ } \sigma \text{ } \text{♌}$, but it is not strongly supported. The ruler of the MC is in the IInd House and weakly aspected. Career is not his main objective -- preserving his wealth is. That is not enough to motivate a presidency, and I think the public will recognize that just in his rhetoric.

In November, solar arc ♋ is conjunct the midpoint of his $\text{♈} \text{ } \sigma \text{ } \text{♌}$ in the IVth. This is a change of direction after focused, hard work, and since his progressed ♌ is also square natal ♈ (within a degree), it is not likely that he is celebrating. Obviously, with ♋ transiting his MC and ♑ transiting opposite his ♏ and ♌ , Mr. Forbes is in an adventure without substance. Compared to Dole, there is not enough here to indicate a vic-



tory, so I would have to conclude that Dole will get the nomination. The question then is, how does he compare to Clinton?

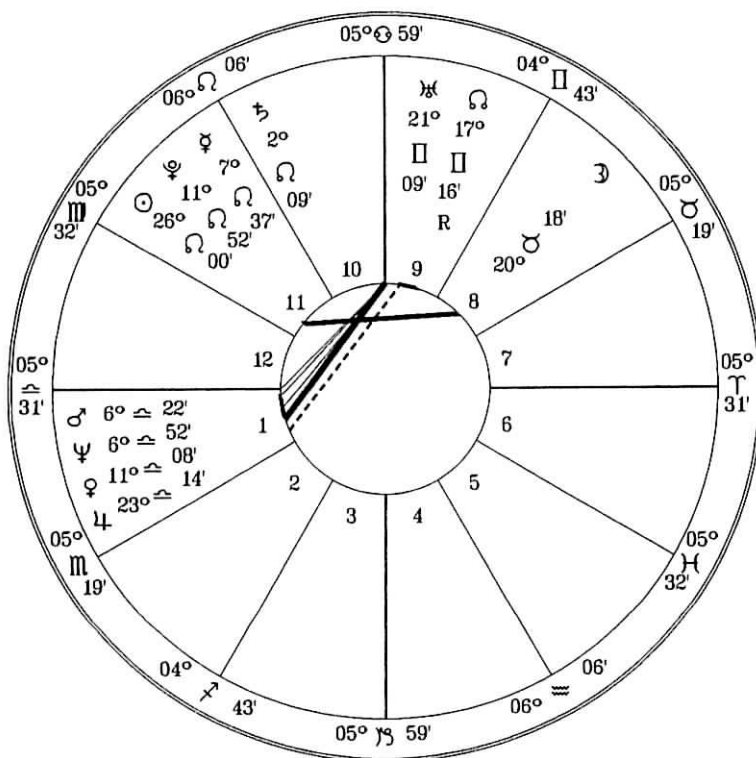
IN CLINTON'S progressed chart, secondary ♃ is very close to an exact conjunction to ♀. That would not be significant ordinarily since it has been in conjunction all his life, but now the solar arc ♊s are aligning with them. I think the most significant thing is solar arc ♃ □ ♃. Since they are linked with the IVth and Vth Houses, I wonder if he is most concerned with the effect his presidency has had on his family. This aspect is normally linked with a feeling of inevitability and lack of freedom. If he did win the election, he doesn't seem elated about it. Pointing to a possible victory (weakly) is transiting ♄ △ ♃, and progressed MC ♄ ☉ a year after the election -- a peak of success. But there has been so much controversy about his birth time, we can't rely on that MC absolutely.

Figure 4:

President Bill Clinton

8:51 a.m. CST, August 19, 1946

Hope, Arkansas: 33N40, 93W35



and all next year it will square Dole's ascendant. He is in for a very big awakening and/or some unexpected physical problems.

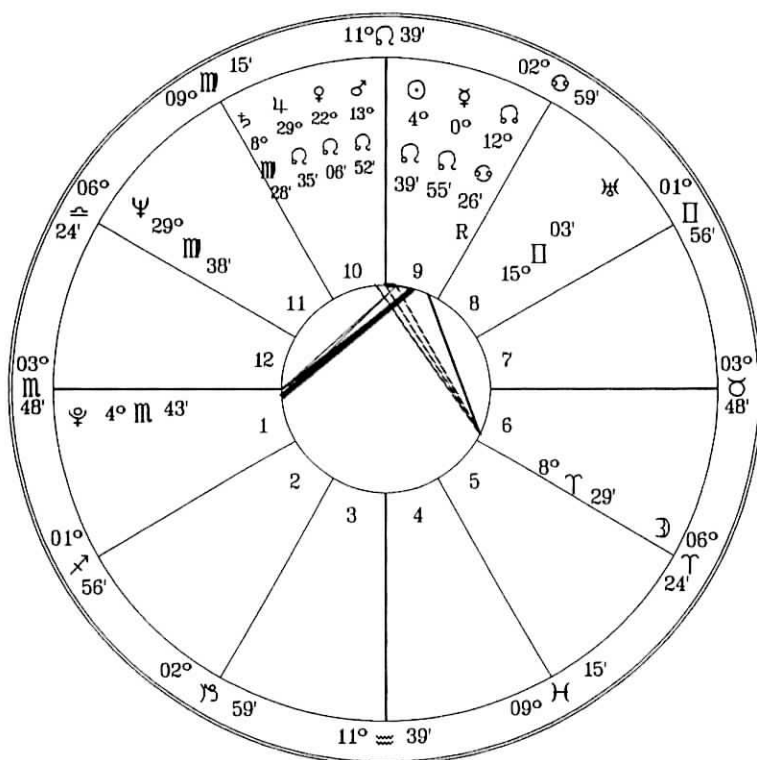


Figure 7: **Clinton/USA Composite chart**

AT THE TIME of the Dukakis/Bush election, I used composite charts between the USA and the candidates to see which one was most "compatible" with the country. Bush was more so and was elected. Using that technique with Dole and Clinton, there are some interesting indications. For instance, both composite charts have a ☉ ☽, and in both cases one of them rules the MC. The difference is that ♃, in early ♊, is affecting the Clinton/USA composite, which would indicate an unpredictable, erratic relationship to the country this year. With ♃, there are always surprises. This election will probably be one of the most interesting we've had in a long time. In the Clinton/USA composite there is a stellium in the Xth House along with the IXth House ☉ conjunct the MC. His relationship with the country would be highly visible through the media (IXth House ☉), and the ♂ conjunction to the MC would indicate the often hostile reaction of Americans to his behavior. But, ♃ and ♀ are

there too! His popularity is about 50:50.

Obviously, with composite $\mathbb{P}$ rising and square the elevated $\odot$, he would pay a high price in physical stress and notoriety while involved in public service. In the next couple of years, however, transiting $\mathbb{P}$ will be creating a grand trine with the composite $\odot \sigma \mathbb{P}$ and $\mathbb{D}$. Even though the composite shows a $\odot \square \mathbb{P}$, and normally the transit would trigger the energy of the square rather than behaving like a trine, it also triggers awareness of it. If he could somehow win the presidency, there is a good chance that he could create a better public image. After all, the $\mathbb{D}$ trines the $\odot$ - $\mathbb{P}$ -MC- σ cluster, and that is marvelous for basic compatibility.

Dole's problem with the country, as we have witnessed, is his communication style. $\mathbb{P}$, in the IIIrd House of the composite, is square the ruler of the IIIrd (σ) and the ruler of the VIIth ($\odot$), which is how the public perceives him. Further, it is opposite composite $\mathfrak{h}$. His style is authoritarian, harsh and feisty — not well polished.

The $\mathbb{D}$ is so important in a composite since it shows unconscious reaction in a relationship. Dole's composite with the USA has $\mathbb{P} \sigma \mathfrak{h}$ opposite the $\mathbb{D}$, which is basic discord and over-reaction to each other. σ and $\odot$ are further involved in a T-square with $\mathfrak{h}$ and $\mathbb{P}$. This shows a basic power struggle between Dole and the US (which could express through our representatives in Congress) in day-to-day operations, with one or the other using authoritarian tactics. Since $\mathfrak{h}$ will be triggering this configuration for the next couple of years, I would not expect the country to be enchanted with this man nor he with it.

It is possible that grass roots America will be cool toward Dole at times this year since $\mathfrak{h}$ is squaring the composite $\mathbb{D}$ much of the time. Support does not seem to be all pervasive, so the election should be very close. These two are men of destiny; therefore, it is very hard to tell which one will be the next president. My conclusion is that Clinton would be better for the country and would do a better job in the next term, but I think Dole will win the election and not do well at all in either performance or popularity in the first couple years of the term -- and that is assuming his health and stamina are up to the task, which is unlikely.

The above article was received on March 8, 1996. Steve Forbes announced his withdrawal from the candidacy for the Republican presidential nomination on March 12.



Progressed National Charts

CATHERINE GILL

EVEN FOR NATAL work progressed charts seem to have fallen out of favor, yet they can be a useful diagnostic tool and the progressed charts of countries are surprisingly revealing.

The American Civil War started in April 1861, 84 years after the 'birth' of the United States and, it may be noted, around the time of the first ♄ return by transit. The ♃ is in ♏ in the 1st conjunct the Ascendant of this progressed chart¹, see Figure 1 below, opposing the chart ruler, ♄, in detriment in the VIIth. The opposition is highly suggestive of the division and confusion involved in a civil war, but the most interesting configuration is shown by ♄ in ♏ □ ♀ in ♏ and both of them ♄ ♄, the planet of revolutions and rebellions, in ♏ in the IIIrd.

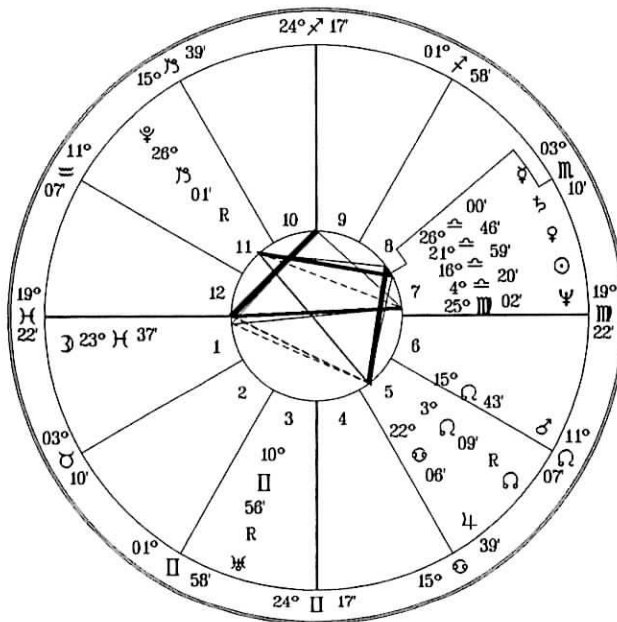
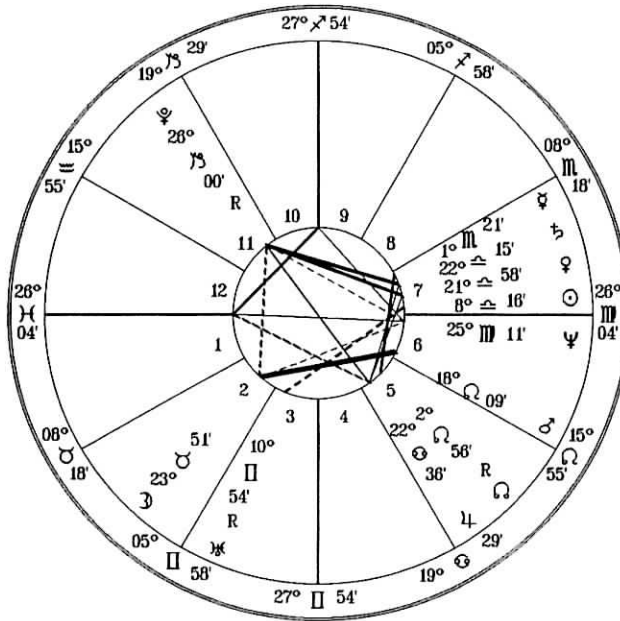


Figure 1: USA chart progressed 84 years to July 4, 1860.
Civil War began on April 12, 1861.

¹ All progressed charts are Day for a Year. Each is progressed to July 4th of the year in question.

Figure 2:

**USA chart progressed to July 4, 1864
Civil War ended May 26, 1865**



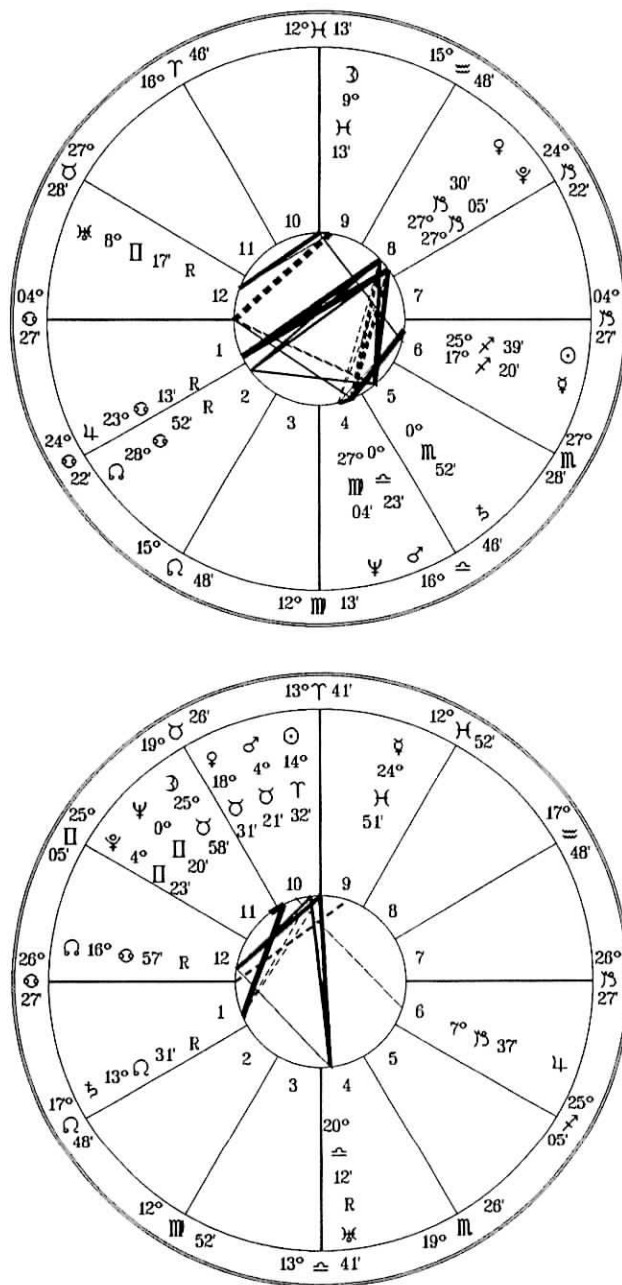
This configuration is sometimes called a greater octile and at first glance it looks like a grand trine. The greater octile seems to be a stable configuration, but fractious rather than easy. A war goes round and round, feeding upon itself.

Such a war cannot last and in 1865 when the war ended, ♀ was once more involved in a stable configuration in the progressed chart for that year, shown at Figure 2. This time a trine with the ☽ and ♀, the antagonists at the beginning of the war, now resolving their differences in the softer aspect.

The ☽ is again in ♋ in the USA chart progressed to 1941 when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, but this time she conjoins the Midheaven and squares ♄ in the XIIth.

♄ is a heavyweight, but ♀ is an even bigger heavyweight, and in the progressed chart for the 1889 Meiji Constitution of Japan, ♀ is conjunct the USA's progressed ♄. Yet the most interesting comparison between these two charts is the USA's ♄ conjunct Japan's Ascendant and Japan's ♄ conjunct the USA's Descendant. A tug of war between two nations, just as the ☽ ☿ ♀ along the Ascendant/Descendant axis was a tug of war

Figure 3: Attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941
USA chart progressed to July 4, 1941 (top)
Japan chart progressed to February 11, 1941 (bottom)



within one nation in the civil war chart. These two progressed charts are shown at Figure 3.

When we look at the USA's progressed chart for July 4th, 1969 (not shown), just twenty days before the first landing of men on the Moon, we can see that the Ascendant/Descendant axis is again emphasized. The Ascendant at $27^{\circ}33'$ ♄ is conjunct the Ω ($27^{\circ}10'$ ♄) ♄ ♄ ($27^{\circ}57'$ ♄), and ♄ is ♄ ♄ ($24^{\circ}12'$ ♄) — rocket propulsion toward the future, and a great deal of domestic effort symbolized by ♄ ($11^{\circ}45'$ ♄) ♄ IC ($12^{\circ}11'$ ♄).

The charts for the Gulf War are more complex, mainly because I have selected two charts for Iraq: one progressed from the Kingdom chart of 1921, the other from the Republic chart of 1958. Yet regardless of which chart is preferred, both show interesting comparisons with the USA's progressed chart for 1990, see below, now at the grand old age of 214 years.

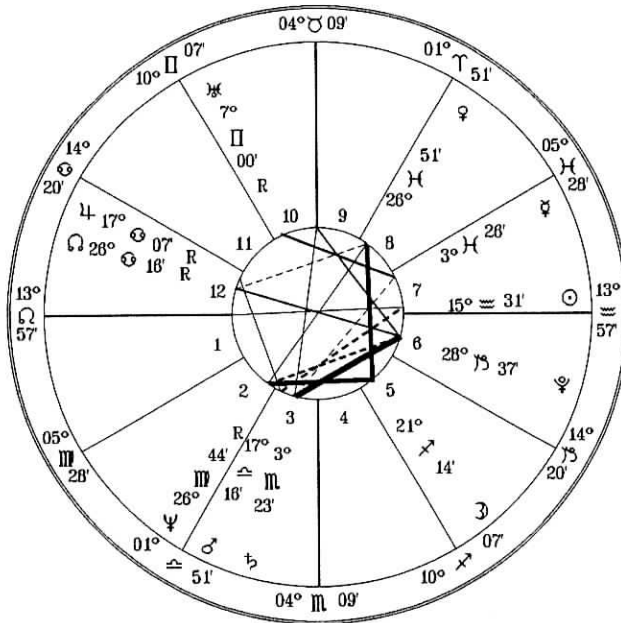
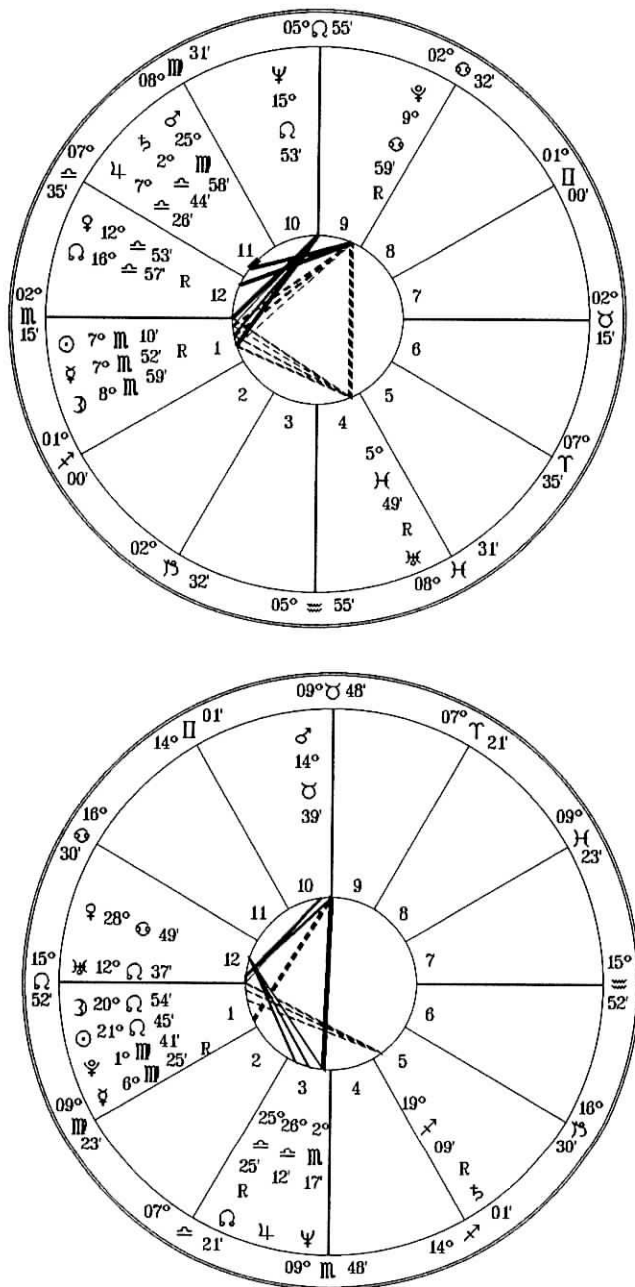


Figure 4:

USA chart progressed to July 4, 1990

Figure 5: Beginning of Gulf War, January 15, 1991
1921 Iraq chart progressed to August 23, 1990



♄ is the IC in the USA's chart is conjunct the Ascendant in Iraq's chart from 1921. ♀ is the VIIIth cusp (USA) is ♄ ♁ (Iraq) and the USA's ♀ is conjunct Iraq's progressed ♄.

The angles in the Iraq chart progressed from 1958, see the lower chart in Figure 5, are almost identical to those in the progressed USA's chart and the correspondences are extraordinary. ♁, the planet which most typifies modern warfare, figures strongly and ♄ is conjunct Iraq's ♀, both on the IC of their respective charts.

I did not use the Independence chart of 1932 for Iraq because I found a discrepancy of 3° between my computer's position for the ♄ and the ♄'s position as published in *The Book of World Horoscopes*, but for what it is worth, my computer places the progressed 1932 ♄ is ♄ conjunct the USA's ♄.

AS WELL as being interesting for mundane work, progressed national charts can be used to assess the state of an individual's country when he or she is born. For example, when Dionne Warwick was born in 1940, the USA was very different from the country in which her cousin, Whitney Houston, was born in 1963. The 1940 chart shows a government, ☉, very much in touch with the populous (* ♄), and a shock in store (♁ hidden in the XIIth). Dionne Warwick has several contacts to the progressed national chart, see Figure 6, two sextiles and a trine to her Ascendant, suggesting that her persona is in accord with the nation's expectations of her times even though her spirit of rebellion, ♁, is antagonistic toward national authority, ♄ ☉.

The 1963 chart, lower chart of figure 7, shows the government out of touch with the populous (no ☉-♄ aspect) and deeply entrenched in a tug of war situation with the general spirit of freedom (♄ rising). ♄ is particularly strong because it is exalted in ☉, whereas ♁ has moved into the open in the XIth, indicating group rebellion. Whitney Houston has nothing but difficult aspects with the national progressed chart, and in particular must struggle with authority (☉ ♄ national ☉, ♄ ☐ national ☉). Dionne Warwick's instincts, ♄, are in favor of the direction toward which the nation is going (* ♄), but the direction that Whitney Houston wants to go is blocked by the authority of her time (♄ ☐ national ☉) and she finds herself channeled toward the past (♄ ☐ national ☉).

Progressed national charts can be used to show how a person fits in, or otherwise, with their country. They may also prove useful for people contemplating a move to another country. In this case, it may be better

Figure 6: Dionne Warwick natal chart (top)
USA progressed to July 4, 1940 (bottom)

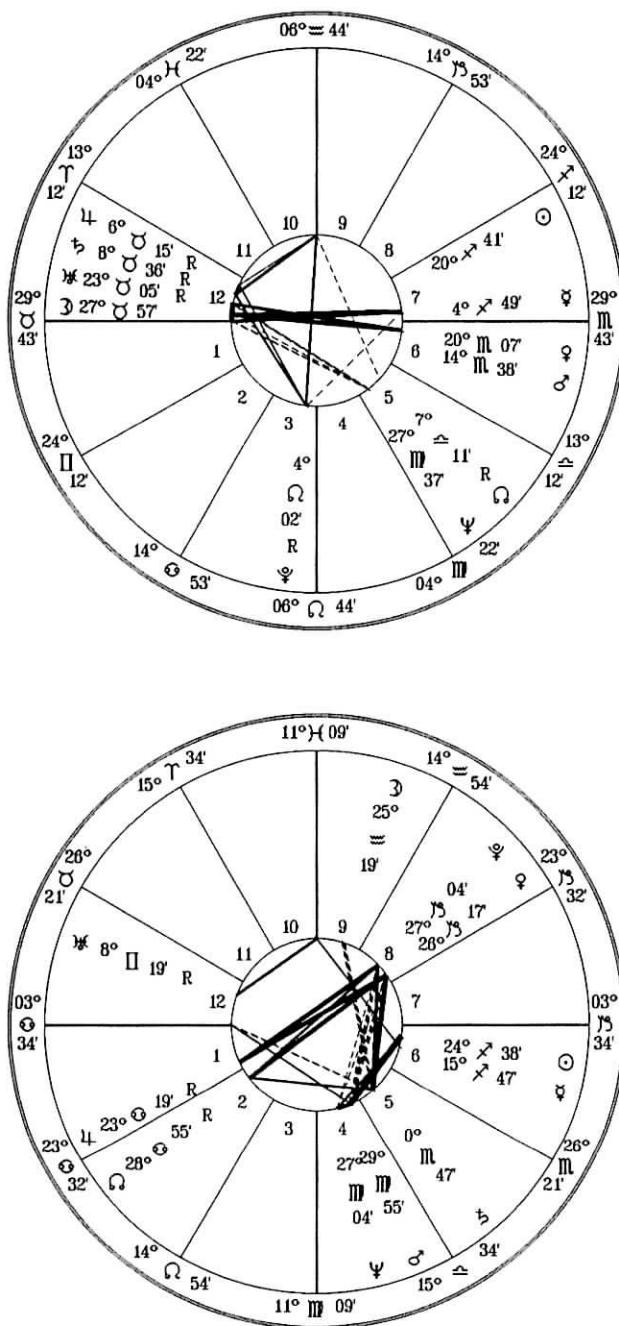
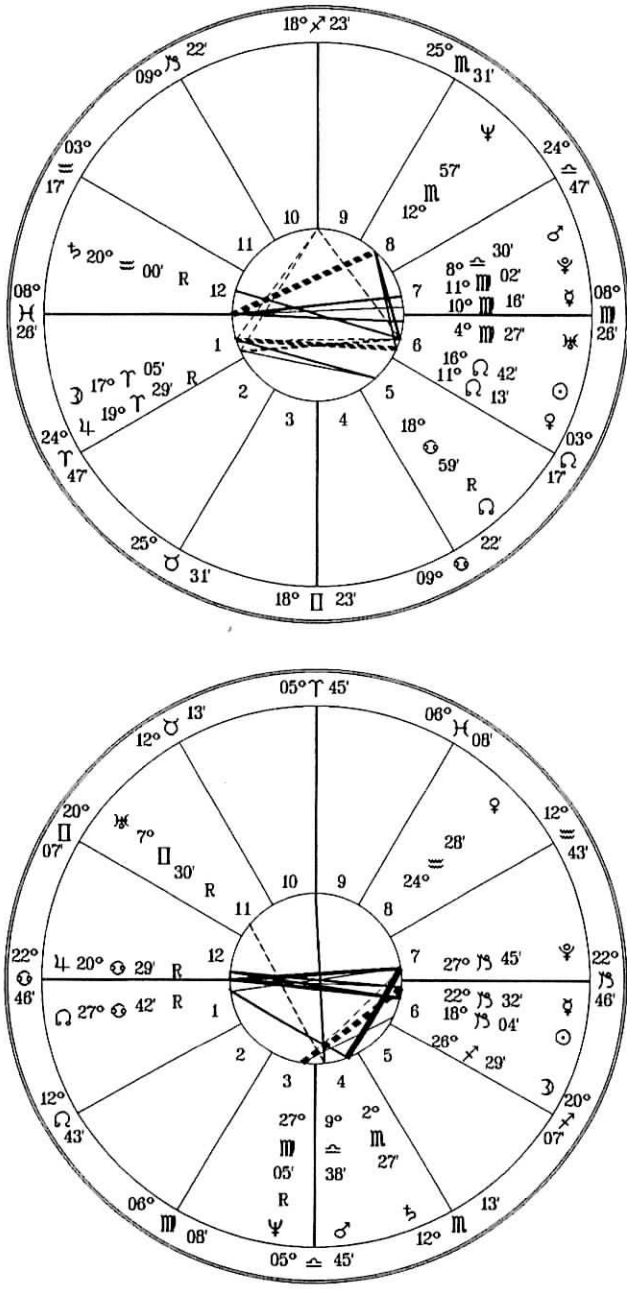


Figure 7: Whitney Houston natal chart (top)
USA progressed to July 4, 1963 (bottom)



to progress them to the date of the move and compare them with the progressed natal chart for the person.

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Japan: Meiji Constitution, February 11, 1889, 2:40:56 UT, 35N40, 139E45.

Iraq: Kingdom, August 23, 1921, 6:00 a.m. BT (3:00UT) 33N21, 44E25
Republic, July 14, 1958, 5:00 a.m. BT (2:00 UT) 33N21, 44E25.

The charts for Dionne Warwick and Whitney Houston were taken from *Web of Relationships*, edited by Joan McEvers.

Dionne Warwick: December 12, 1940, 3:08 p.m. EST, 40N47, 74W15.

Whitney Houston: August 9, 1963, 8:55 p.m. EDT, 40N44, 74W10

Data etcetera:

The IRA Bombing

THE TENDENCY of many astrologers when evaluating transits and progressions is, or so we suspect from our own habits and many of the articles we receive, to relate each in turn to the natal chart but rarely to examine how they relate one to the other. The IRA's recent bombing in London clearly demonstrates the importance of relating transits to progressions.

The same bombing on February 9th also tends to affirm the provenance of the 1922 chart James Russell proposed as being current for the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland — if nothing else it reflects the troubles London has with the Irish Republican Army.

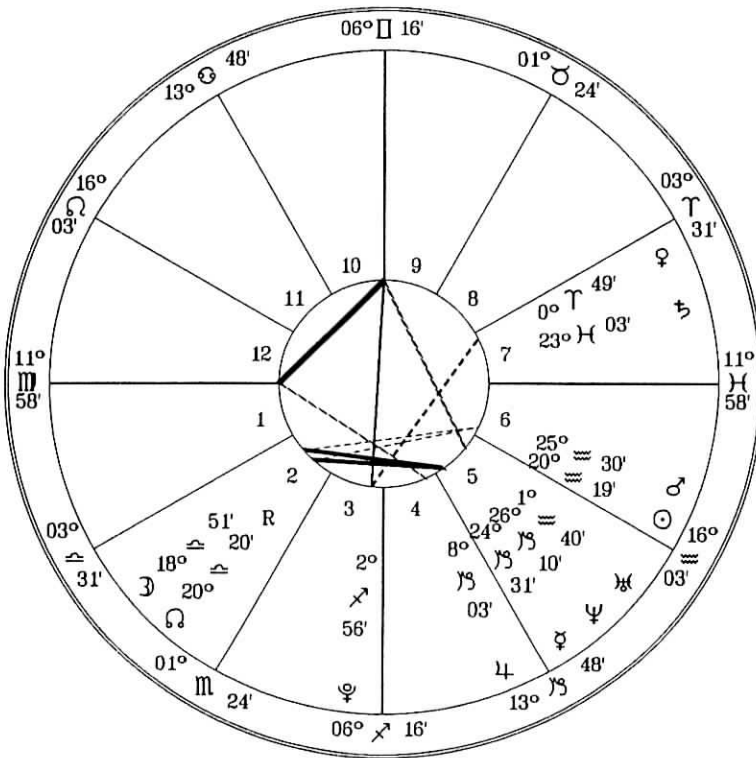
The IRA's 17-month cease-fire ended at 7:10 p.m. on Friday, February 9th, 1996, with the explosion of a huge bomb on the Isle of Dogs in east London. Offices and commercial buildings were destroyed, thousands of office windows were blown in, two bodies were found in the rubble and over a hundred people were injured, most from flying glass.

Figure 1 illustrates the transits at this time. ♄ rises with its ruler ♄ ♀, which is in turn ☊ the Ascendant, and all bodies are within an 162° arc extending from the ☊ in ♈ in the IIInd to ♀ at 0° ☊ close to the Placidus VIIIth cusp. ♃ and ♄ are exactly 75° apart, ☊ is close to the IC, and the ☊ is coming to ☊ ☊.

Fig. 1:

Explosion of IRA bomb

7:01 p.m. GMT, February 9, 1996: 51N30, 0W01



Υ - 75° - Υ seems to be the key aspect. Reinhold Ebertin in his classic *The Combination of Stellar Influences* defined the Υ - Υ principle as "Patience (leading to success through perseverance)". One can therefore read this aspect as indicating that the IRA simply lost patience with the peace process and the bombing was an expression of their dissatisfaction

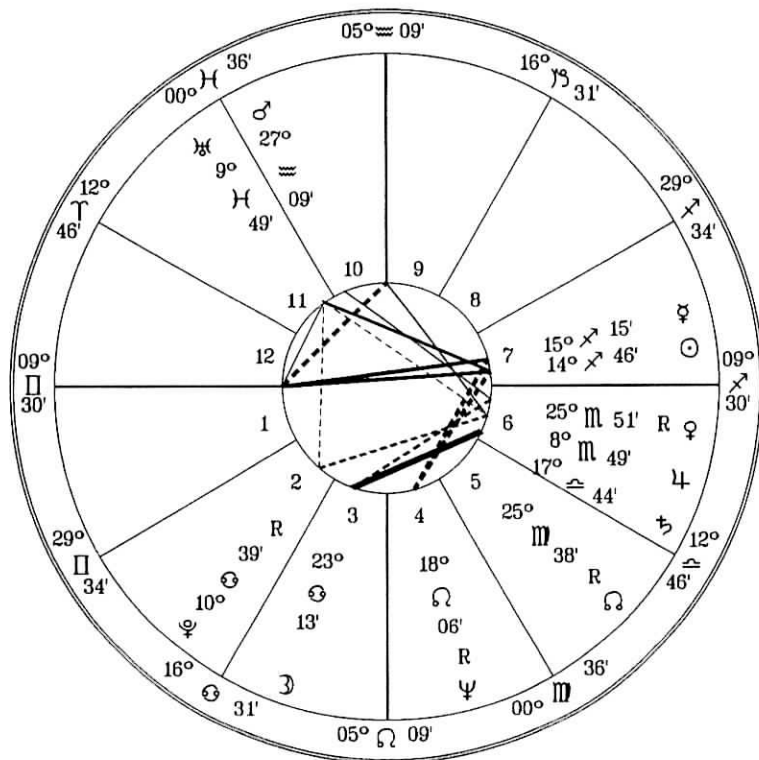
Everything falls neatly into place when the transits are compared with the progressions of the 1922 chart. Figure 2 is cast for 3:28 p.m. GMT on December 7, 1922 at Westminster, London, the time when the Northern Ireland parliament meeting in Belfast voted itself *out* of the Irish Free State and *back* into the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.¹ For less than two days, since midnight on December 5, 1922

¹ See "The Foundation Map of the United Kingdom" by James Russell in *The Astrological Journal* Volume 3 number 3, June 1961, pages 11-15. Mr. Russell's source for the timing was *Parliamentary Proceedings*. H.M.S.O. Belfast.

the North of Ireland had been legally part of the Irish Free State.² Secondary progressions to February 7, 1996 are listed in Table 1.

The current troubles erupted in the late 1960's, around the time progressed σ entered Υ , the position of φ on February 9, 1996. To the relief of everyone the killings were halted in September 1994, coincident with secondary σ opposing the 1922 χ , and peace talks began. The peace process has now presumably ended, and does so as the secondary MC (solar arc in long.) comes φ the 1922 χ ; transit $\mathcal{D} \propto \Omega$ was σ the 1922 χ at the bombing.

Fig. 2: **United Kingdom of Great Britain & Northern Ireland**
3:28 p.m. GMT, December 7, 1922
Westminster, London: 51N30, 0W07
At Belfast (54N35, 5W55) MC 29°18' $\mathcal{A}$, ASC 6°58' Π



² The Free State later became Eire, proclaiming itself a Republic Without the British Commonwealth on April 17, 1949. The United Kingdom recognized this independence as from 23:00 UT on April 17, 1949.

Table 1:

**Direct Secondary Progressions of 1922 chart
to February 9, 1996**

Planet	Secondary position	Aspects (orb) from transits at 2/96 Bombing
☉	29°09' ♊	
☽	2°39' ♋	Δ E (17')
♀	2°56' ♊	* E (exact)
♀	12°54' ♋	
♂	20°34' ♋	* ☉ (15') ♂ ♋ (14')
♃	18°35' ♋	≈ ☽ (16')
♅	19°46' ♋	* V _X (exact)
♁	12°44' ♋	
♂	16°28' ♋	165 - ♁ (12')
♀	9°18' ♋	165 - ♀ (13')
♋	21°46' ♋	105 - MC
MC Westminster	19°32' ♋	Δ V _X (14')
ASC	9°31' ♋	165 - ♀ (exact)
MC Belfast	13°55' ♋	
ASC	8°03' ♋	≈ ♃ (exact), ☽ ♅ (exact)

There were five exact aspects, each *exact* to a minute of arc, between progressed 1922 positions and transits at the moment the bomb exploded:

1. Event ♅ at 23°03' ♋ is ☽ the progressed ASC at Belfast, 8°03' ♋,
2. Event ♃ at 8°03' ♋ is ≈ the progressed ASC at Belfast, 8°03' ♋,
3. Event Vertex at 19°46' ♋ was exactly * the secondary ♅ at 19°46' ♋
4. Transit ♀ at 24°31' ♋ was exactly 165° from the progressed Ascendant at 9°31' ♋,
5. Transit E at 2°56' ♋ was exactly * secondary ♀ at 2°56' ♋.

Obviously, **five** exact transit-to-progression aspects is most unusual.

By reference to the progressions, we now have confirmation that the exact aspect in transit between ♃ and ♃ at the time of the bombing was not coincidental, this pair exactly aspect the progressed 1922 ASC (set for Belfast, the location of the 1922 action at which Northern Ireland formally rejected being a part of what is now Eire). Note that these two bodies respectively rule ♁, the natal VIIth, and ♁, the progressed VIIth (♃ didn't entirely hand over ♁ when ♁ was discovered), and the VIIth is of course the House that depicts both open enemies and partners.

The Vertex aspect defines the place of the bombing, while those involving ♀ and ♀ clearly describe the nature of the event — it was a violent act of propaganda.

Not quite as exact, but nonetheless meaningful, is the transit MC at 6°16' ♀ the 1922 Ascendant at Belfast, 6°58' ♀.

The tightness and appropriateness of these aspects (midpoints have not been examined, that could be overkill) suggests this 1922 chart is the right one to use when considering the troubles in Northern Ireland. This is perhaps confirmed by the new ♃ prior to this bombing, on January 20, 1996, having been at 29°45' ♀ close to the position of the 1922 MC at Belfast (29°18' ♀). The following one, on February 18th, was at 29°36' ♁, close to the progressed ☉.

Looking to the future in terms of coming eclipses, the following catch the eye:

Oct 12, 1996	☉ eclipse	19°32'	♄	♂ ♃ prog
Sep 1, 1997	☉ eclipse	9°34'	♄	☐ ASC
Feb 16, 1999	☉ eclipse	27°08'	♁	♂ ♂
July 28, 1999	☾ eclipse	4°58'	♁	♂ MC
Aug 11, 1999	☉ eclipse	18°21'	♄	♂ ♀

Whether these difficult eclipses will effect the entire UK, as James Russell's advocacy of the 1922 chart as the current chart of the country would suggest³, or just Northern Ireland is a mute point. Certainly events three years hence should get ample media coverage.

There are aspects between transits and the 1922 natal chart but one has to search for them, and none are as tight as those observed between the transits and secondaries for this event. *This could have important implications, both for prediction and for rectification.*

³ If James Russell is correct and this 1922 chart does now represent all mundane events within the UK, then ♀ prog. * ♁ prog. ☐ ♃ r. is appropriate for the recent (end of March, 1996) threat of the massive slaughter of beef cattle due to fears of mad cow disease.

Data Etcetera:

The Dunblane Massacre

IN DUNBLANE, SCOTLAND children say God overslept on the morning of Wednesday, March 13, 1996. This was when Evil, in the form of a man known locally for his unhealthy interest in young boys, stormed into a school there carrying four handguns and opened fire on a gym class filled with 5- and 6-year-olds, killing 16 children and their teacher before killing himself with his final bullet. Twelve other children were wounded. The chart below is set for 9:38 a.m. GMT the time the police received an emergency call, though the event probably took place some minutes earlier.

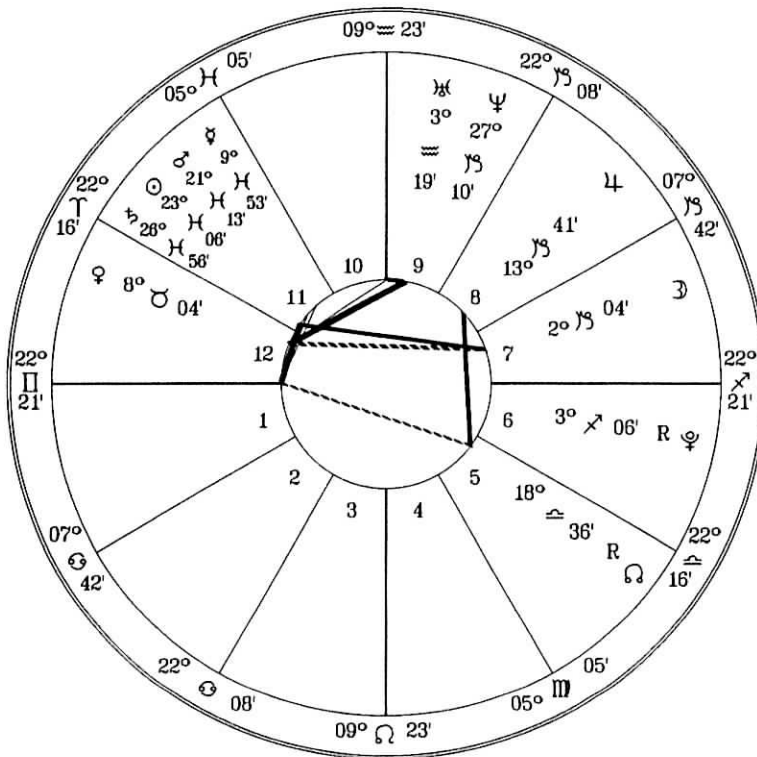


Figure 3:

Massacre of Children.

9:38 a.m. GMT (Emergency call to police), March 13, 1996

Dunblane, Scotland: 56N12 3W59

The $\odot$ is besieged by σ° and ♄ , and $\angle \text{♀}$ is square the ♊ Ascendant. The actual shooting may have occurred earlier when σ° or the $\odot/\sigma^\circ$ midpoint exactly squared the rising degree. There are close and appropriate midpoints. Most meaningful, as Axel Harvey points out, because they define the location of this event, are the parallels in altitude of ♀ , ♄ and ♊ . There is also a parallel in declination, $\text{♊} \parallel \Omega$. Axel Harvey also noted that the mean Ω at $18^\circ \pm 36.3'$ is exactly square the mean Dark Moon at $18^\circ \pm 36.3'$. Axel uses the name Charybdis for the Dark Moon, after the whirlpool off the Sicilian coast, opposite the cave of Scylla. It is the ♊ 's mean apogee point where she is furthest from the earth, and acts symbolically to suck away the comforts we instinctively seek; destroying or removing that which the Moon herself indicates, here the young children as part of the family.

It is tempting to look for the appropriate mundane chart to which one should refer this event, perhaps the 1603 map⁴ for the union of the English and Scottish crowns at the death of Queen Elizabeth and accession of James I and IV or the 1371 horoscope for the start of the Stuart dynasty⁵. There are several seemingly appropriate aspects between the Dunblane shooting and these charts, both natal and progressed, but the mindless massacre of these innocent children, unlike the IRA bombing, cannot be related to any national conflict. There were no political undertones, simply madness and unrestrained evil.



⁴ 1:30 a.m. LT, April 3, 1603 (NS), at Edinburgh: 55N57, 3W13.

⁵ Noon, April 3, 1371 (NS), at Scone: 56N24, 3W27.

The Astrology of Childbirth

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THIS ARTICLE describes the replicable astrology of childbirth, as detailed in K. N. Rao's book *Planets & Children*¹. K. N. Rao, who founded and guides the world's largest astrology school, began sharing the results of his research with other astrologers over a decade ago. His aim is to place astrology on a scientific footing. So far, he has authored seven books based on his research, with more due to appear in 1996.

Before discussing Rao's methodology, I should point out some of the major differences between Vedic and Western astrology.

The first difference is the Ayanamsha, which is subtracted from Tropical positions to give Sidereal ones. Several alternative ayanamshas have been proposed. K. N. Rao has found the Lahiri Ayanamsha to be the most accurate.

♈	♉	♊	♋
♌	<i>Fig. 1</i> Standard positioning of the Signs in South Indian charts		♎
♍			♏
♐	♑	♒	♓

Another difference is the chart form. In Vedic astrology there are three: the North Indian, South Indian and East Indian². In the South Indian chart used here the Signs are fixed and proceed clockwise. ♈ is always in the upper left-hand corner, followed by ♉, etc. in a clockwise direction. As these Sign positions are constant across all charts the Sign glyphs are not usually printed on the charts, and only the ASC is marked to indicate the starting position of the Houses.

¹ K. N. Rao. *Planets & Children*. Publisher: S. Kumar & Associates, 32 Sarojini Devi Lane, Maqboolganj, Lucknow. Also available from The Astrology Center of America, 26 N. Fir, Ventura, California 93001. Telephone: (800) 475-2272. Price \$21.95.

² Books printed in India show the North Indian and South Indian charts side-by-side.

A House contains the full degrees of the appropriate Sign. The Ist House contains all degrees of the Sign the Ascendant is in.

The system of aspects is also different. Aspects are by Sign, not orb. A planet in Υ , for example, is in aspect with all other planets in Υ irrespective of the number of degrees between them. However, the influence of one planet on another is considered to increase with the nearness of their degrees.

All planets also aspect the opposite Sign or House, which is called a Full Aspect.

In addition, the three planets σ , γ and τ also have special aspects.

Counting from the Sign/House it occupies, σ also aspects the IVth and VIIIth Houses, counted in a clockwise direction.

$\mathcal{H}$	Natal place of σ Υ	$\mathcal{O}$	II
$\approx$	Fig. 2 The four aspects σ can have		IVth from σ $\mathcal{E}$
$\mathcal{O}$			$\mathcal{Q}$
σ	VIIIth from σ $\mathcal{M}$	VIIth from σ $\mathcal{A}$	III

Similarly, counting from the Sign/House it is in, γ also aspects the Vth and IXth Houses.

$\mathcal{H}$	Natal place of γ Υ	$\mathcal{O}$	II
$\approx$	Fig. 3 The four aspects γ can have		$\mathcal{E}$
$\mathcal{O}$			Vth from γ $\mathcal{Q}$
IXth from γ σ	$\mathcal{M}$	VIIth from γ $\mathcal{A}$	III

And, counting from the Sign/House it is in, ♄ also aspects the IIIrd and the Xth Houses.

	Natal place of ♄		IIIrd from ♄
♈	♈	♏	♈
♊	Fig. 4 The four aspects ♄ can have		♊
Xth from ♄ ♊			♊
♊		VIIth from ♄ ♊	♊

And now for the special rules for childbirth. K. N. Rao's research shows that ♄, ♋, ♌ and the ♎ have 'genetic' connections with the horoscopes of both parents. So far, this is said to have been replicated 100% in thousands of horoscopes.

Within 9 months of the birth:

Rule 1: ♄ should aspect (be in the first, third, seventh or tenth House from) each of the parent's Vth or IXth, or the Houses occupied by the Lords of each parent's Vth or IXth³, through direct motion. If retrograde⁴ at any time during the 9-month period, it can also operate from the previous House.

Rule 2: ♋ should aspect (be in the first, fifth, seventh or ninth from) the same Houses, that is each of the parent's Vth or IXth, or the Houses occupied by the rulers of these two Signs, through direct motion. If retrograde at any time during the 9-month period, it can also operate from the previous House.

Within 75 days of the birth:

Rule 3: ♌ should aspect (be in the first, fourth, seventh or eighth from) the Vth or IXth Houses or their rulers. During the 75-day period prior to birth ♌ by direct motion can transit one or two Houses that precede its final position.

³ The IXth represents children, too. It is the Vth from the Vth.

⁴ K. N. Rao's own original research established that ♄ and ♋ when retrograde can also operate from the previous House.

Within 72 hours of the birth:

Rule 4: The ♃ should aspect (be in the first or seventh from) these same Houses, each parent's Vth or IXth, or the Houses occupied by the Lords of each parent's Vth or IXth or each parent's ASC or ♃. During the 72-hour period prior to birth, the ♃ will transit one or two Houses that precede its final position.

In summary, ♃ and ♃ point out the 9-month period. ♂ narrows this 9-month period down to 75 days, and the ♃ further defines a 72-hour period within the 75 days. The key points within each parent's natal chart are the Vth House and its Ruler, and the IXth and its Ruler, with each parent's ASC and ♃ also being taken into account to define the final 72-hour period within which birth will occur.

A word of caution. Not every woman who experiences these four transits of ♃, ♃, ♂ and the ♃ in aspect to the appropriate Houses will give birth to a child. Other factors must be taken into account⁵.

Examples

The subjects are Princess Caroline of Monaco, her husband Stefano Casiraghi, and their three children Prince Andrea Albert, Princess Charlotte Marie, and Prince Pierre. Their birth charts, in the Southern Indian format are illustrated at Figures 5-9, respectively. As they are public figures, their times of birth are a matter of public record.

II ♄	III ♂ 3°34' ♅	IV ♃ 2°16' ♄	V ♅
I ASC 12°19' ♄	Fig. 5 Princess Caroline 9:27 a.m. MET, January 23, 1957 Monte Carlo, Monaco: 43N45 7E25		VI ♄
XII ♃ 9°50' ♄			VII ♃
XI ♀ 18°09' ♀ 19°53' ♄	X ♃ 2°16' ♃ 18°15' ♄	IX ♃ 15°12' ♄	VIII ♃ 8°27' ♄ ♄

⁵ The Vimshottari Dasha system is commonly used to forecast the periods and sub-periods when childbirth is possible.

With her Ascendant in $\approx$, Princess Caroline's Vth House is Π and the Vth House ruler, ♀ , is in the XIth in ♊ . Her IXth House is ♋ and ♀ its ruler is also in ♊ .

Rule 1 states that within 9 months prior to the Princess giving birth ♄ should be in Π , ♊ , Υ or ♎ (Π , her Vth, as the Ist, VIIth, IIIrd or Xth from transiting ♄) or in ♊ , Π , ♋ or ♌ (♊ , the location of her Vth House ruler and also of her IXth, as the Ist, VIIth, IIIrd or Xth from transiting ♄) or in Π , ♎ , ♏ , or ♌ (♎ , the location of ♄ , Lord of her IXth, as the Ist, IIIrd, VIIth or Xth from transiting ♄). According to Rule 1, therefore, transiting ♄ can be in any one of seven Signs: Υ , Π , ♎ , ♋ , ♏ , ♊ or ♌ within nine months of Princess Caroline giving birth. As ♄ spends roughly $2\frac{1}{2}$ years in each Sign, this Rule clearly distinguishes between periods when she is likely to become a mother and those when she is not.

At the same time, according to **Rule 2**, ♄ should also be aspecting Π , ♎ or ♊ within nine months of the birth — that is, it should be transiting one of the following nine Signs: Υ , ♌ , Π , ♏ , ♎ , ♋ , $\approx$, ♊ or ♌ .

However, Rules 1 and 2 apply to both the father and the mother. Caroline's husband, Stefano Casiraghi (see Fig. 6), has his Vth House in ♎ with ♀ in the same Sign and his IXth in ♌ with ♄ in ♊ . For him to father a child, according to Rao's two rules, transit ♄ must be in either Υ , Π , ♌ , ♋ , ♏ , ♊ , ♌ or ♌ , while transit ♄ is in either Υ , ♌ , Π , ♌ , ♎ , ♋ , ♌ or ♌ .

While Stefano's ♄ periods confirm each of Caroline's, he does not have ♄ in aspect to ♏ or ♋ , which reduces the possible periods when these two can have children together.

The following table uses just these two Rules over the interval from 1977, when she became twenty, to the present, and lists the four periods when Princess Caroline could be pregnant by Stefano Casiraghi:

Table 1: Periods of likely childbirth

Possible Onset of Pregnancy	♄ 's Signs	♄ 's Signs
Oct 1980 — Dec 1982	$\text{♎} \text{♋}$	♎
Jan 1984 — Dec 1984	♋	♊
Feb 1986 — Apr 1990	$\text{♏} \text{♊}$	$\approx \text{♌} \Upsilon \text{♌} \Pi$
Mar 1996 — Dec 1996	♌	♊

Prince Andrea Albert was born on June 8, 1984 within the second of the periods listed above. Both Princess Charlotte Marie, born August 3, 1986, and Prince Pierre, born September 5, 1987, were born within the third of these fertile periods.

Rule 3 tells us that, within 75 days prior to the couple having a child, transiting ♂ should aspect each of the parents' Vth House or its ruler or IXth House or its ruler.

At Prince Andrea Albert's birth ♂ was in ♌ and 75 days earlier it was in ♍ — ♂ was retrograde between. ♌, his mother's Vth Sign, is the eighth from ♍, as required by Rule 3. For his father, ♎ the Sign of the IXth is the fourth from ♌, which also fits the Rule.

When Princess Charlotte Marie was born ♂ was in ♎ as it was 75 days before. ♎ is the seventh from the mother's Vth and the Sign occupied by the father's IXth House ruler, both correctly indicated by Rule 3.

Prince Pierre has ♂ in ♏ and 75 days before birth it was in ♌. His mother's Vth is ♌, and his father's Vth is ♍ the fourth Sign from ♌. Again this confirms Rule 3.

XI H	XII ♌ 6°34' T	I ASC 22°43' ♂	II ♈ 0° 04' II
X ♊ 22°05' ≈	<i>Fig. 6</i> Stefano Casiraghi 10:30 p.m. MET, Sept. 8, 1960 Milano, Italy: 45N28 9E12		III ♉ ☽
IX ♏ ♂			IV ♏ 22° 05' ♏ 22° 55' ♏
VIII ♎ 1°03' ♎ 18°33' R ♂	VII ♍ T	VI ♌ ≈	V ♍ 0°51' ♍ 14°12' ♍

Rule 4 states that, within 72 hours of the birth, the ♄ should aspect the each of the parent's Vth House or its ruler, or the IXth House or its ruler, or the Ascendant or the ♄.

72 hours before Prince Andrea Albert's birth the ♄ was in ♏, it had moved into ♍ when he was born. As the ♄ can only aspect by ♂ or ♈, although both aspects involve completes Signs, these aspects are simple to identify. The Prince's mother has her Ascendant in ≈, for the ♈ or full aspect, and his father's Vth House is ♍.

IV H	V T	VI ♀ 8°37' ♂ 12°26' ♀ 22°41' ♂ 24°36' ♂	VII II
III ≈	<i>Fig. 7</i> Prince Andrea Albert 10:50 p.m. MDT, June 8, 1984 Monte Carlo, Monaco: 43N45 7E25		VIII ☾
II ♂			IX ♂
I ♂ 16°58' ASC 18°49' ♂	XII ♂ 12°26' ♂	XI ♂ 16°59' ♀ ♂ 18°52' ♀ ♂	X ♂ 23°25' ♂

Nine months earlier = September 8, 1983: ♀ 9°58' ♂, ♂ 7°45' ♀
 75 days earlier = March 25, 1984: ♂ 4°02' ♂
 72 hours earlier = June 5, 1984: ♂ 10°44' ♀

IV H	V ♂ 0°47' T	VI ♂	VII ♂ 23°51' II
III ♂ 28°25' ≈	<i>Fig. 8</i> Princess Charlotte Marie 7:00 p.m. MDT, August 3, 1986 Monte Carlo, Monaco: 43N45 7E25		VIII ♀ 2°05' ♂ 17°24' ☾
II ♂			IX ♂
I ASC 1°52' ♂ 18°16' ♀ ♂	XII ♂ 9°24' ♀ ♂	XI ♂ 0°47' ♂	X ♀ 1°54' ♂

Nine months earlier = November 3, 1985: ♀ 15°03' ♂, ♂ 4°47' ♂
 75 days earlier = May 20, 1986: ♂ 27°16' ♀
 72 hours earlier = July 31, 1986: ♂ 18°00' ♂

X Ω 9°44' ⋈	XI ♄ 5°37' R ⋈	XII ♅	I ASC 29°10' ♊
IX ♊	<i>Fig. 9</i> Prince Pierre 2:46 a.m. MDT, Sept. 5, 1987 Monte Carlo, Monaco: 43N45 7E25		II ♋
VIII ♎ 10°16' ♎			III ♈ 14°45' ♏ 18°16' ♏ 21°47' ♏
VII ♏	VI ♈ 21°04' ♏	V ♏	IV ♏ 2°08' ♏ 9°44' ♏

Nine months earlier = December 5, 1986: ♄ 20°29' ♏ ♈ 18°35' ♏
 75 days earlier = June 22, 1987: ♈ 26°57' ♊
 72 hours earlier = September 2, 1987: ♎ 26°40' ♏

At the birth of Princess Charlotte Marie the ♎ was in ♊ and 72 hours earlier it had been in ♏. ♊ is her mother's Vth and ♏ her father's ascendant.

Prince Pierre was born with the ♎ in ♏, 72 hours earlier it had been in ♏. The ♎ has transited three Signs. His mother's Vth is ♊ and his father's Ascendant is in ♏, both of which are full aspects.

These contacts confirm K. N. Rao's fourth rule.

K. N. Rao states that with more research it should be possible to narrow the 72-hour time down to the exact day, hour and rising Sign. The following clear pattern between Princess Caroline and her children suggests this may very well be possible.

Prince Andrea's ASC is ♈ his mother's Vth
 and it is ♈ the rulers of her Vth and IXth

Princess Charlotte's ASC is ♈ her mother's Vth
 and it is ♈ the rulers of her mother's Vth and IXth

Prince Pierre's ASC is ♈ his mother's Vth
 and it is ♈ the rulers of her Vth and IXth

The contacts between each parent and the three children are summarized in the following two tables :

Table 2: Contacts between the children & their mother

	II	≅	♂	≈
Princess Caroline	Vth House	IXth House & ♀	Ruler of both Vth & IXth	ASC
Prince Andrea	Xth from ♀ _R VIIth from ♀	♂ & ♂	IIIrd from ♀ ♀	VIIth from ♀
Princess Charlotte	Vth from ♀ VIIth from ♂ ♀	♂ _R	VIIth from ♀ ♂	
Prince Pierre	VIIth from ♀ ♂	VIIth from ♀ IVth from ♂	IXth from ♀ _R VIIth from ♂ ♀	

Table 3: Contacts between the children & their father

	♂	III	♂	♂
Stefano Casiraghi	ASC	Vth House & its ruler	Ruler of IXth	IXth
Prince Andrea		♀	IIIrd from ♀ ♀	IVth from ♂
Princess Charlotte		IXth from ♀ _R	VIIth from ♀ ♂	IIIrd from ♀ ♀
Prince Pierre	VIIth from ♀ ♀	VIIth from ♀ _R IVth from ♂	IXth from ♀ _R VIIth from ♂ _R ♀	IIIrd from ♀ VIIth from ♂ _R VIIIth from ♂ _R ♀

Princess Caroline has remarried and she is reported to be expecting a child to be born in April 1996. No data is available for her new husband. Table 1 confirms that a birth is possible at this time. By the time this article appears in *Considerations* the birth should have occurred and the moment of birth will have been publicized. Readers will then have a further opportunity to test K. N. Rao's rules.

K. N. Rao states that he finds many birth times are inaccurate. Before he knows anything about an individual, he makes ten predictions from the chart with which he is working to see if at least six prove to be correct. One prediction usually involves the number of brothers and sisters and the individual's place within the family. In many cases, he is able to predict whether the individual is the oldest or youngest child within the family.

To do this, he observes whether the ruler of the IIIrd is in the XIth or the ruler of the XIth is in the IIIrd. Notice that Princess Caroline's eldest child, Prince Andrea, has the ruler of his IIIrd in his XIth. Her youngest child, Prince Pierre, has the ruler of his XIth in the IIIrd. The middle child has neither. K. N. Rao would have been absolutely correct with his placement of the two boys.

K. N. Rao holds a Master of Arts degree in English Literature. After retiring from the post of Director-General with the office of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India, he now teaches, guides research students, and counsels. His Institute of Astrology at the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan in New Delhi has already graduated hundreds of students. He is also currently the Vice President of the Indian Council of Astrological Sciences.



Apple Computer

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HIS COMPANY has been in the news lately. Most of the articles were negative. As Guy Kawasaki, MacIntosh evangelist who recently *returned* to Apple Computer, said, "No one would pay attention to the news that a dozen 747's took off safely from LAX." Good news does not sell newspapers and magazines. Bad news does. Apple Computer has attracted a whirlwind of bad news and unfavorable articles. In fact, the thought occurs to me that never has so much truth, half-truth and non-truth been written and printed about one company in the history of reporting. Lest anyone should think that my viewpoint is entirely biased (and it is slanted), perhaps they didn't know that I have been using both MacIntosh's and PC's for years. In fact both are used virtually every day for jobs each performs admirably.

Getting back to Apple Computer, better than half of the articles contain assertions on the part of reporters implying that they know more about running the company than its executives of every period except inception. Now, I can't say that I know of any reporters who successfully managed the affairs of a major corporation, but if they are correct American industry is missing a good thing. These reporters ought to be in high demand and paid at least \$3-million per year in salary and perks for such executive prowess instead of the lowly paychecks they are actually collecting for writing. But then they go on to tell us about Apple's management that is non-existent or collapsing, about buyouts by every minnow and whale in the business that they can dream up, and about the only hearsay advantage the MacIntosh system has, which is "ease of use." No reporter could go wrong on that one, because every other reporter is saying the same thing. Ease of use? Well I know one major corporation that terminated its training department after switching to the MacIntosh because it wasn't needed any more, and that is a fact. But no self-respecting reporter writing salable negative news would admit that a MacIntosh ever found its way into business applications.

It would be wrong to imply that every article on Apple Computer contains false information. However, many of the articles are filled with far more rumor than carefully checked



facts. Close examination suggests that good bit of what has been written was chosen for its fearful emotional content, calculated to be upsetting, rather than objective reporting. Thus, it might be time for an astrological review. A cosmic perspective could help cut through the haze.

A very good reason for turning to astrology with respect to corporations can be placed under the category of due diligence prior to investing. Having a company's horoscope prior to making a decision for investment is very good information to have, because the insights can be extremely enlightening. Apple Computer's horoscope was derived because of all the adverse publicity, not necessarily for investment purposes at this time. However, smart money always buys on rumor and sells on fact. The recent haze of emotionally-charged words looks to me like about 95% rumor.

One interesting observation over the years is that corporations have horoscopes that reflect their individualities and personalities just like live human beings do. Moreover, they respond to day-for-a-year progressions just like people. On top of that, corporations can only be born at certain discrete times, just like people again. A single horoscope time results in one, and only one, horoscope that matches all of the astrological natal and progressed signposts for that company. Apple Computer is no different from other companies in this regard. And no, high noon is not the birth time of most corporations, although it might be a good starting point for determining the real time.

Without belaboring these points, the horoscope for Apple Computer that appears to match and confirm every test is illustrated on the opposite page, its declinations are listed on the following page. All horoscopes must be tested. This one is set for 10:52:23 a.m. True Local Time (10:59 PST) in Sacramento, California, on January 3rd, 1977, the day it was incorporated. The illustration is a bi-wheel with the outer ring showing the start of the 1996 Apple World Convention on January 9, 1996 in San Francisco. That convention was attended by an estimated eighty-thousand people or more each day, and Moscone Center was literally jammed on the last two days — snow storms back East delayed some arrivals. The majority of attendees were enthusiastic and more intent on the latest models and newest technologies than on corporate problems. True, Michael Spindler, the then CEO, did not make the main presentation. He left that duty to an assistant. The situation had implications, but this crowded convention went on with great ardor, unimpeded by all of the fuss and bother appearing in the news media.

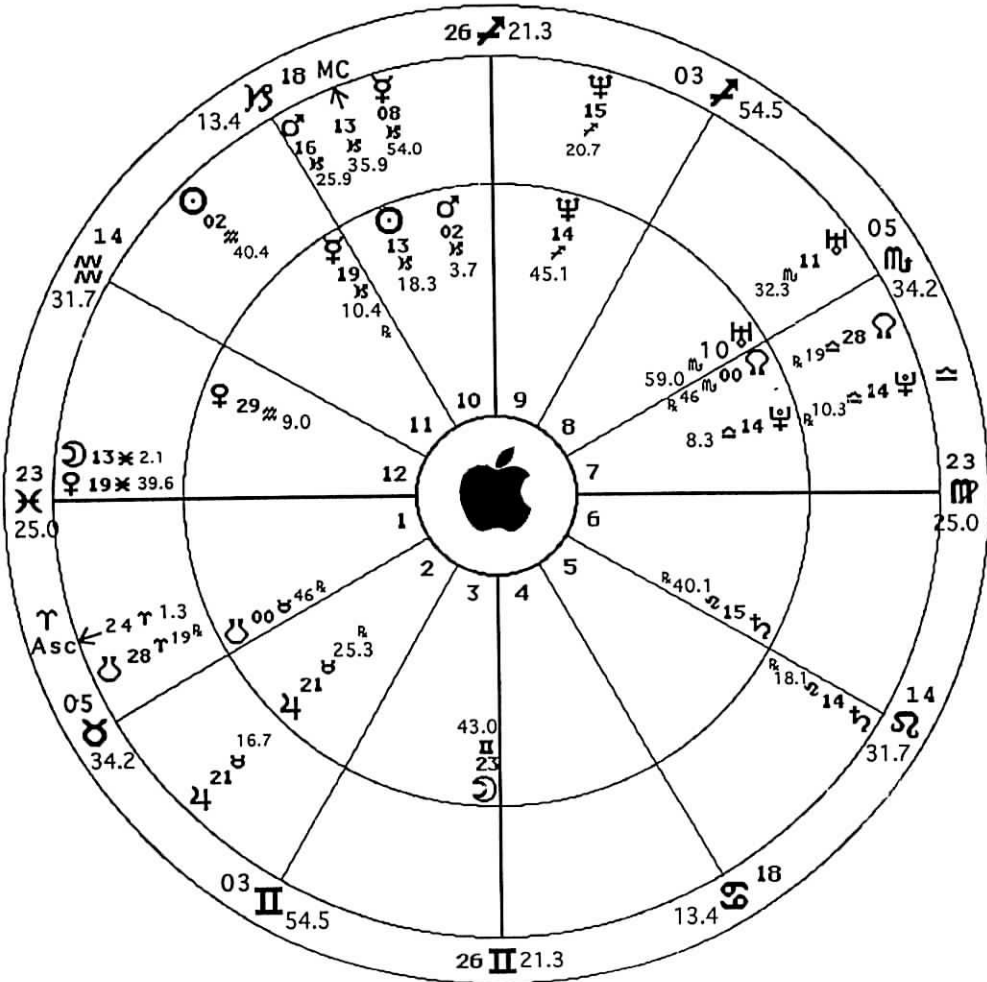
There are two striking features about the Apple Computer horoscope that deserve instant recognition and acknowledgment. First is the $\mathcal{H}$ rising Sign — how very appropriate. Second is $\odot$ and σ in $\overline{\mathcal{Z}}$ in the Xth House. Another placement that can't be missed is $\mathcal{V}$ in $\mathcal{O}$ in the IIInd.

Apple Computer

10:52:23 TLT (18:58:21 UT), January 3, 1977

Sacramento, California: 38N34'36", 121W29'34"

(Outer ring: Naibod secondary to MacWorld, January 9, 1996)



Declinations

Natal declinations of Apple Computer and progressed declinations to January 9, 1996, the day the MacWorld convention opened at the Moscone Center in San Francisco.

Planet	Natal declinations	Progressed declinations
ASC	2 S 36.9	9 N 19.2
☾	10 N 05.4	10 N 14.9
♀	13 S 07.7	4 S 03.0
♊	14 S 42.3	14 S 52.3
♈	16 N 59.3	17 N 26.0
♉	17 N 11.1	17 N 14.0
♊	19 N 17.5	3 S 22.4
♋	19 S 58.7	21 S 04.4
♌	21 S 07.3	21 S 10.8
♍	22 S 46.5	19 N 33.8
MC	23 S 23.4	22 S 44.8
♎	24 S 04.2	23 S 14.2

While there might be financial problems, Apple Computer is cash rich.

♊ is that inventive, poetic, perspicacious, fluid Sign depicted by two fish swimming in circles with a silver strand connecting them together. To most critics Apple Computer cannot make up its mind. Most people with ♊ rising appear the same way to others who are not astrologically informed. However, when they do make a decision it is with a splash. Why? ♊ is concerned about far more factors than a reporter with limited vision could understand. ♊, of all Signs, wishes to consider everything before making a move. This often causes them to be labeled procrastinators. However, they see the contributions of a myriad relationships that could affect an outcome. ♊ is also the natural XIIth House ruler, and great contributions are made to mankind through this interface. In the Apple Computer horoscope ♋ in ♊ is in the XIIth House. The products are lovely to look at, to feel and to touch. They are technically advanced, and have a steadfast, reliable quality. While the original icon approach to operations was borrowed from Xerox, Apple Computer has undeniably introduced a large number of innovations to the computer world. As one wit said, "Pioneers often receive arrows in their backs."

Not only is Apple Computer enigmatic to others because of its $\mathcal{H}$ Ascendant, but $\odot$ and σ in $\overline{\mathcal{R}}$ in the Xth House tell much more. For starters, an individual with a $\overline{\mathcal{R}} \odot$ will never agreeably step down from any previously attained rank or position unless forced to. No backward step can be emotionally tolerated. This feeling is so strong that no new position in this world, no potential buyout, no assumption of another role, can ever be accepted that is perceived as being a downward or backward move. Any company alleged to be making offers to Apple Computer will get absolutely nowhere trying to lowball. More especially any company that is smaller or cannot show an equal or higher level of achievement simply cannot be seriously considered — regardless of financial consequences. This is the message of $\odot$ in $\overline{\mathcal{R}}$.

Now add σ . σ likes $\overline{\mathcal{R}}$, certainly better than $\ominus$. But this placement in the Xth House is also the reason why certain people become absolutely furious with the company's policies. Some individuals literally hate Apple on business grounds, and say so. Some reporters appear to hate Apple on idealistic grounds or for fabricated reasons. Other companies that do business with Apple Computer are often put off by that stubborn and combative σ .

Companies who are partners and do good business with Apple Computer are extremely capable and work harmoniously, as shown by $\mathcal{P}$ in $\simeq$. In fact, the Ist-VIIth House interceptions indicate a deep-seated attention to human relationships. All figurative marriages with Apple Computer are complex, and the arrangements are comprehensive. Most of them reflect the extraordinary resourcefulness and unusual capabilities of $\mathcal{P}$. Incidentally, the fanatically devoted, extremely intelligent users of Apple computers — 22-million strong — are also depicted by that extremely interesting VIIth House. The only changes they are interested in are Macintosh's technical advancements.

Every other planetary position in the chart rings true. Ψ in the IXth House, for example, reflects theatrical embellishments to advertisements when given, and disillusionments when not given. $\mathcal{F}$ in the XIth House doubtless describes the nature of planning for customers. $\mathcal{D}$ at the IC in Π indicates the internal *modus operandi* and facilities. $\mathcal{H}$ in Ω and the VIth House indicate the attitude of the work force. For the most part they are dedicated and know they are producing the greatest. $\mathcal{M}$ in the XIth House depicts the sudden turns, as seen by investors. With a horoscope like this one, it is possible to go on and on. However, by now you should have the idea. Therefore, let us look at the day-for-a-year progressions.

The progressed Midheaven is separating from its conjunction with the $\odot$ but still within 1.7° of an exact parallel with it. That is exactly what one would expect for the commencement of the extremely successful

MacWorld. This is also exactly the aspect one would expect for a change of leadership. Both occurred. ♀ was 11° ♀ within 2.9°. The publicity pro and con has been horrendous. But where are those financial woes? It is awful easy to miss a ♀ aspect. Just look at progressed ♀ ♀, recognizing that ♀ is ruler of the IInd House and ♀ rules the VIIIth. That slow-moving retrograde aspect was within 1.3° of exact. Progressed ♀ is in the VIIth House, with its public impact. The effects will be long-lasting, and the challenges presented to the new CEO will be around for a while.

In this study there were two progressed parallel aspects and one in longitude. That is par for the course when momentous events are occurring. At those times the parallels usually predominate. Note how close these aspects were to their theoretical angles.

The bi-wheel and table of declinations show an order of magnitude higher level of accuracy than is commonplace for astrologers. This step up in accuracy is recommended to every astrologer for the enormous benefits and additional insights provided. Yet, I can sympathize with those who are unable to match these results. Two clues are:

1. If an option in your software corrects for the non-spherical shape of the earth, it must be set correctly.
2. For gosh sakes, stop using any progression method other than Naibod. None other can possibly give these kinds of results. Some un-Naibod methods have been checked and found to be error by years!

At present I am satisfied with this horoscope for Apple Computer. It should continue to serve well as the future continues to unfold. And by the way, all of those astrologers who followed the crowd and bought another brand might not know what they are missing. All of the tools are in place to improve their astrology by at least an order of magnitude. This article is one more example.



Retrogrades : Mars

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THE ♂ ARCHETYPE is that of action. It is the self confidence that challenging impulses in life must be returned with force. It is a joyful acceptance of competition. Some key concepts associated with ♂ are: independence, autonomy, trust in impulse, desire, lust, strife, combat, argument, conquest, excitement, arousal, aggression, hostility, enmity, passion for movement. Primarily it is **force** in dealing with others. It is dynamic, initiating energy, and drive. Useful keywords are: mobilized, defensive, fresh, demanding, angry, righteous, severe, new, spontaneous, bold, courageous, direct, blunt, selfish, hot, naive, rash, feisty, truthful, candid, frank, fiery, enthusiastic, outspoken, guileless, open, reactive, pioneering, adventurous, faith, martial, sportive and contentious.

What do we make of the situation when ♂ is retrograde? There is an **intense inner stratum of awareness regarding force**. There is an intense concern of freeing the self of Karma of mistakes made through force. ♂ represents the desire to live, to be adequate to the challenges of life. The retrograde reveals a need to understand and control impulsive acts.

Several scriptural passages were useful in illuminating for me the function of retrogrades:

..come ye yourselves apart into a *desert* place and rest a while

— *Mark 6:31*

The retrograde is not active in earthly affairs in any normal manner. The “desert” represents a withdrawal from the throngs of humanity that is necessary to find the divine.

I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this,
how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt,
afterward destroyed them that believed not.

— *Jude 1:05*

Having been redeemed, the retrograde native is aware of judgment in the exercise of the ♁ planet's energy. The ♁ planet represents an intense inner awareness of karmic debt in the affairs of that planet.

...and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth.

—II Thess. 1:03

The use of the ♄ planet is intended to be expressed in such a way that healing of the needs of humanity will result.

♂ represents energy for movement and freedom. When ♂ is retrograde the faith in impulse, initiative and action has an additional layer of complexity. ♂ ♄ represents inner psychological tensions involving the competitive instinct and the desire nature.

♂ ♄ can represent a sense of well-crafted or hand-made self-expression through taking in an acute sensitivity to the results of force or the expression of individual selfishness. The following individuals illustrate these principles of ♂ ♄.

Name	♂ ♄ Sign	Significance	Well-crafted or hand-made impulse
Will Rogers	♊	Humorist	Prove self-reliance/self-worth
Mae West	♋	Sex goddess	To reveal the truth of desire
E. E. Cummings	♌	Poet	Startling originality & rebel
Humphrey Bogart	♍	Actor	Inner privacy; non-invasiveness
M. Luther King	♎	Reformer	New thinking re differences
James Earl Jones	♏	<i>Darth Vader</i>	Creating acceptable Black Pride
Al Capone	♐	Criminal	Gave back what he got: Mirror
Judy Garland	♑	Actress	Faith in far-distant adventure
Gypsy Rose Lee	♒	Stripper	Knew at the root what people want

The retrograde suggests the **intense inner stratum of awareness** is focused upon perfecting the masculine aggressive nature through restraint or inner deliberation before forcing issues. The contemplative sense of the deeper consequences involved with “getting what one wants” derails the forthright directness of ♂. One may distrust, ♄, autonomous impulses, ♂. There may be an intense concern for the right use of contention. One may be learning, ♄, how to express the courage of one’s convictions, ♂, without strewing Karma behind one, ♄. Past-life mistakes of impulsiveness may induce mistrust and guilt, ♄ & XIIth House, when exploring personal prerogatives.

Either one of two extremes may be represented by the retrograde. Perhaps in the past life the native did not satisfy his capacity for self-trust, ♂. A commitment in relationship may have precluded the fulfillment of a de-

sire for excitement and freedom. This would have appeared as a stifling of the need for expression of personal autonomy and individual freedom. The intrusion of that past life material would appear as an acute sensitivity, ♀, to any incursions upon his or her personal initiative and freedom. The opposite extreme may also have occurred. This would have been a life in which there was an over-arching assertion of personal freedom that eventually soured the capacity for relationship. Here we would have a present life situation in which the memory of the success of raw impulses of self-assertion are mingled with the realization of the disappointment of the possibilities of compromise, sharing and relationship. This secondary level of consideration would stem from the deeper appreciation of consequences associated with the use of martial impulses: overuse, misuse or underuse. The urge to act upon the impulses of ♂ carries with it a deep "knowing" of the results of those actions.

Having ♂ ♀ in the natal horoscope implies that the native may sense challenges to a contest of personal wills, ♂, but the engagement of those challenges is intended for inner development, ♀, not for the outer satisfactions of getting ahead. Since ♂ urges one to show off one's superiority, the retrograde suggests that efforts toward personal advantage at the expense of others (thru the use of force) will not be satisfying. ♂ ♀ suggests the native **not** fulfill his desire; getting what one wants is discovered ultimately not to be what one really wants. There may be a distrust of desire. The native could be very sensitive, ♀, to opportunities to fulfill his impulse to dominate others, ♂, either sexually or through masculine machismo.



Since ♂ represents a principle of subduing another and imposing one's will on the other, the retrograde suggests a deeper awareness of the consequences of such conquests. There is a need to learn the lesson of refraining from imposing one's will on others. ♂ ♀ seeks to purify through conflict, rather than simply reacting impulsively. The retrograde makes the native aware of the residual consequences, ♀ & XIIth House, of having alienated others through personal conflicts. The prophet Isaiah, 9:6, offers a description of ♂ ♀:

His name shall be called wonderful, counselor, the mighty God, the everlasting father, the **Prince of Peace**.

This verse implies that the reversal of magnetic polarity associated with the retrograde leads to a potential capacity to withhold "knee-jerk reac-

tion" from the challenging ♂ energy. The hostile energy of one's environment is taken within oneself. Proper response to exterior hostility is contemplated along with a questioning of the source of that hostility. These natives are deeply concerned with the unseen and inner causes of hostility directed towards them. While the necessity to invoke the use of the force and hostility urges between self and other does exist with them, it is commingled with a deep skepticism of the instinctual and unexamined surrender to that urge.

♂ ♀ natives are attempting to resist contamination from the omnipresent wave of hostility or masculine aggression impulses sensed in the environment. There is an intense sensitivity, ♀, to the raw contest for supremacy of the life force, ♂, raging around these natives. They are learning to read the significance of the animus that confronts them. Their intense need is to learn to control reactions that stimulate to a quick rush of judgment and the ensuing unconscious conflict that rarely resolves underlying causes. Henry Fonda was born with ♂ ♀ in ♍. A role he made famous exemplifies ♂ ♀: in the movie *12 Angry Men* he portrayed a lone juror who successfully resisted the peer pressure of his fellow jurors, and by so doing forced a reversal of the earlier verdict the jury had erroneously reached. The ♂ ♀ native can be very stubborn in resisting attempts to force compliance with the attitude of the masses surrounding him or her. Another actor, Humphrey Bogart, ♂ ♀ in ♎, exemplified the retrograde energy in his role as Rick in the movie *Casablanca*. Bogie portrayed Rick as disillusioned, ♀, with the self-justification and blind enthusiasm for war and conquest in the name of self-righteousness. A well-known line he utters in the movie typifies contempt for the use of blind force: "Go ahead and shoot; you'll be doing me a favor." ♂ ♀ reverses the survival urge. The retrograde is structuring an ideal. The ideal of just use of force is more important than knee-jerk survival impulses.



Stations of the Moon

KEN GILLMAN

THE PHENOMENA of the midnight ☉ is well-known. North of the 66th parallel, in midsummer, the ☉ remains above the horizon for 24 hours at a time. In the winter at these high latitudes the reverse occurs: the ☉ does not rise at all for days on end around the winter solstice.

It is less well-known that the ☾ shows the same behavior. These phenomena were reported by the Greek historian Diodoros:¹

...in the land of the Hyperboreans the god visits the earth every 19 years, and dances a round dance without stopping from the spring equinox to the earliest rising of the Pleiades, playing on the cithera and amusing himself on his festival days.

Over a cycle of 6,793.4 days, about 18.6 years, the ☾'s declination varies between 18.17° and 28.73°, see the diagram on the next page. In the years of her greatest declination, at high latitudes, each month the ☾ remains above or below the horizon for a week at a time.

The Greeks knew of the 19-year calendar cycle devised by Meton of Athens, which is founded on the 19-year revolution of the ☾'s nodes. However, they could never have experienced, or even deduced, the phenomena of the permanent circling of the ☾ above the horizon — the circumpolar ☾.

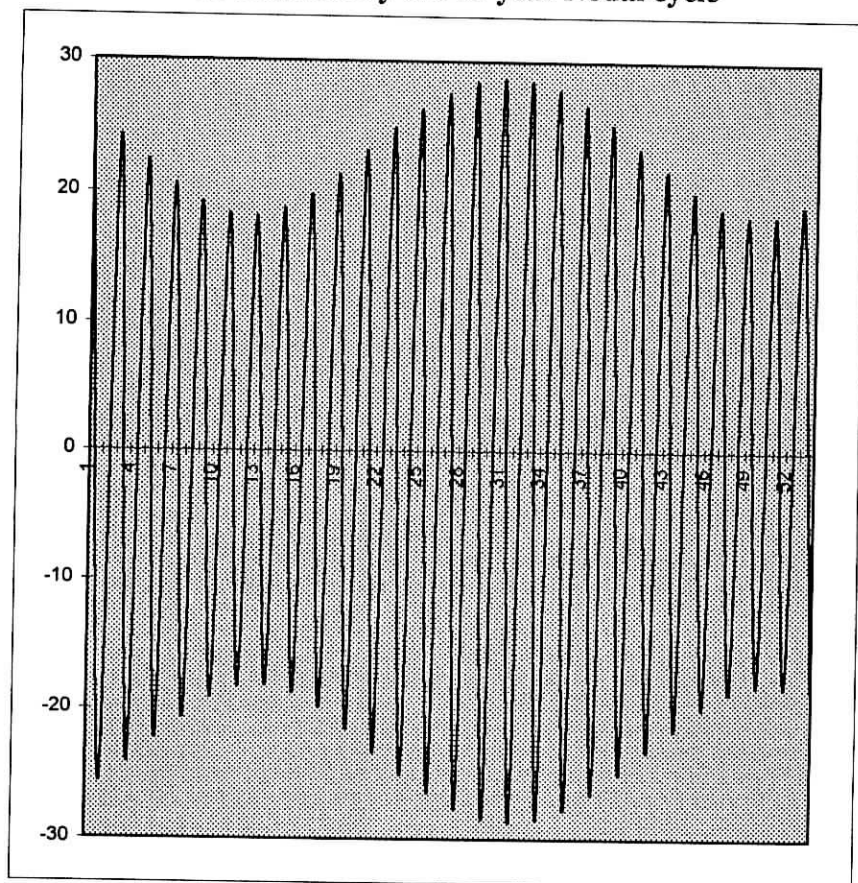
Today our lives are ruled by the ☉'s seasons and, astrologers perhaps excepted, most people pay very little attention to the seasons of the ☾. In the past, before artificial lighting enabled us to extend the length of our day, this was very different. The movement of the ☉ as seen from the earth is fairly simple, but that of the ☾ is quite complicated.

Circles within circles; the ☾'s orbit is 1/360th of the earth's and its period of revolution about the earth is 27 1/3 days. The plane of its orbit is neither the plane of the celestial equator nor the plane of the earth's orbit but at an angle of 5.14° to the latter — this angle is the same now as it was in prehistoric times. The ☾ crosses the plane of the ecliptic twice a month, and the two points where the orbits intersect are called the Nodes,

¹ Diodoros Siculus. *History* book 2, chapter 47.

Ω and ☾. The Ω is where the ☾ passes from south declination to north, and the ☾ is where it goes from north to south declination.

Figure 1: **The Moon's monthly declination cycle as modified by the 19-year Nodal cycle**



During the course of a month the ☾ makes a full revolution. Its highest declination is when it is midway between the two nodes, having passed the Ω seven days earlier, and its lowest declination is at the opposite point, again midway between the nodes but seven days after its transit of ☾. In $27 \frac{1}{3}$ days the ☾ goes through a complete oscillation in declination, from high in the sky to low in the sky. Its movements follow the same pattern as the ☼'s, but thirteen times as fast.

There is, however, a vital complication: the plane of the ☾'s orbit also rotates. The line of the nodes makes one revolution every 18.6 years. Thus at certain times, when the ☾'s Ω is around $0^\circ \Upsilon$, the amplitude of the ☾'s declination will be at its greatest, reaching nearly as high as 29° north of the celestial equator — when the ☾'s 5.14° tilt is added to the ☼'s

maximum declination of 23.45° — to nearly as low as 29° south ($-23.45 - 5.14$). The time when the $\mathfrak{D}$ is swinging its farthest is called the *major standstill*, because the $\mathfrak{D}$ reaches about the same maximum height in the sky for almost three years, peaking when the lunar Ω is near $0^\circ \Upsilon$. Not only does it then reach its highest possible elevation each month, but two weeks later it is very low in the sky, and barely rises in high latitudes like Alaska, Scandinavia and the Shetland Islands. These movements would have been very conspicuous to early man.

Just over nine years after the major standstill, the $\mathfrak{D}$'s orbit will have completed a full half turn, the $\mathfrak{D}$'s Ω has moved back to $0^\circ \Upsilon$, and the monthly oscillation in declination will be much smaller: from 18° north of the celestial equator to 18° south. At this time the $\mathfrak{D}$ is said to be at its *minor standstill*, because once again it reaches approximately the same height in the sky for months on end. From an observer's point of view, its movements are now far less dramatic than at the major standstill. Its maximum height in the sky is about 10° lower at this time, and its minimum height is 10° higher, so it does not show such a wide swing in its monthly movement.

These motions are diagrammed at Figure 1, which shows the monthly oscillation of the $\mathfrak{D}$'s declination as modified by the effect of the 18.6-year rotation of the $\mathfrak{D}$'s orbit. The diagram obviously cheats a bit because there should really be 242 monthly cycles in the period of 18.6 years. Were they all drawn strictly accurate, they would be too close to picture clearly. At the end of 1987 the $\mathfrak{D}$ was at a major standstill, and is not there again until 2007. It is at a minor standstill in 1996 and 1997.

Table 1: **Dates of the $\mathfrak{D}$'s Maximum Declinations, 1857-1996**

Maximum Declinations			
North		South	
15 September	1987	29 September	1987
25 March	1969	19 September	1969
8 April	1950	19 September	1950
15 March	1932	28 March	1932
4 October	1931	19 September	1931
16 March	1913	28 March	1913
5 March	1895	18 March	1895
11 September	1876	25 September	1876
3 March	1857	11 September	1857

Table 2: **Dates of the ☽'s Minimum Declinations, 1857-1996**

Minimum Declinations			
North		South	
3 March	1997	16 March	1997
24 September	1978	11 September	1978
24 September	1959	20 March	1960
7 March	1941	20 March	1941
15 September	1922	27 September	1922
15 September	1903	9 March	1904
23 March	1885	16 September	1885
30 September	1866	17 September	1866

The ☉ is at its highest declination or standstill when it is at 0° ☊, at the summer solstice, and the ☽'s major standstill occurs when the ☽ is close to the same degree, but at the time of the Spring and Autumn equinoxes

Do these declination extremes of the ☽ have any effect on the life of mankind?

Marcia House in her "Nature's Secrets" article, published in the 1983 *American Astrology Digest* (page 48), wrote:

When the 1930s brought our part of the world a Dust Bowl, scientists were overly busied trying to explain it. One theory put forth by the then consulting meteorologist at Washington, Herbert J. Brown, directly involved the declination cycle of the Moon. As Brown pointed out, during the early thirties, the Moon's furthest distance North or South of the equator was at its highest point in an 18.6-year cycle. This became the basis for an explanation of the draught that seemed acceptable to meteorologists, other scientists — and even astrologers.

Partly because of this high point in the Moon's cycle, the Moon's "pull" on the wind and the tides was greater than usual. This helped to bring certain winds from the Pacific Ocean westward to the North American continent, where they aren't too often found. This change in the normal wind patterns in turn helped to create high pressure areas which prevented normal rainfall in the key areas of North America, resulting in drought — and the Dust Bowl

Table 3:

World events during periods of a Major Lunar Standstill

1876: This was the year Custer and his troops were massacred by the Sioux at Little Bighorn, Bulgaria began a revolt against Turkey, and Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone.

1894: Cubans were in revolt against Spanish rule, this turned into the Spanish-American War; Dreyfus was convicted on a false treason charge in France; it was a very severe winter in Europe; there were bread riots in Sicily; Coxey's army of unemployed marched on Washington; Japan and China were at war; Louis Lumiere invented the cinematograph; and Berliner first used a horizontal disk instead of a cylinder as a record.

1913: Europe was a step away from war and the arms race in Europe accelerated; there was war already in the Balkans; the Panama Canal was opened; coal miners were on strike in Britain; Garment workers struck in New York and Boston; suffragettes demonstrated in London; the Titanic sank; federal income tax was introduced in the US; and the first Charlie Chaplin film was made.

1931-32: Spain became a republic; Japan invaded Manchuria, a step historians now say led to Pearl Harbor; economic depression was worldwide; there was severe famine in Russia; banks failed in Austria and Germany; mass unemployment; there was a hunger march of the unemployed in Britain and veterans marched on Washington; German industrialists financed the Nazi Party; Roosevelt was elected President; Al Capone was sentenced to prison for tax evasion; and the first outside television broadcast occurred.

1950: The Korean war began; Truman ordered the development of the Hydrogen Bomb; McCarthy's committee into Un-American activities began sitting; there was a successful Brink's robbery in Boston; and the Schumann Plan, one of the first steps towards a European Common Market, was introduced.

1969: Vietnam and opposition to the US involvement; Nixon became President; man first walked on the Moon; the Woodstock festival and the non-political counter culture; the My Lai massacre; Chappaquidick; border disputes between China and the USSR; Lebanese troops fought Israeli commandos; bloody civil war in the Yemen; and US tax reform.

1987: Gorbachev was introducing drastic reforms (*glasnost, perestroika*), on his way to surrendering the Communist monopoly and remaking the Soviet state; Russians were fighting in Afghanistan but left the following Spring; the long Iran-Iraq war was in its final year; the fighting and car bombs in Beirut continued until the Syrian army moved in; Corazon Aquino was elected President of the Philippines, and an attempted coup against her failed; there were sex scandals involving preacher Jim Baker and politician Gary Hart; the Iran-Contra hearings and Oliver North's televised testimony; an earthquake damaged Los Angeles; and the stock market collapsed in October.

Throughout 1987, the year of another major standstill, the United States National Ocean Service recorded record high tides around the world. In their advisory for 1987 they noted that:

...the orientation of the lunar orbit with the greatest effect on tides occurs during a major standstill. We are in the period with the greatest astronomical tide-raising forces of the remainder of the century.

A forecast made by the Scripps Institute of Oceanography in 1983 predicted that the highest astronomically-induced tides would occur between 1986 and 1990, with the peak occurring in 1987 (the year of the major standstill).

Tables 3 and 4 list some of the major world events during the times of the major and minor standstill. The car, calculator, plane, radio, telephone, television, records, films — each has spawned major industries — all first saw the light of day during a lunar standstill. And we cannot ignore NASA's achievement in putting the first man on the D or the birth of Louise Joy Brown, the first test-tube baby, both events so very appropriate in their symbolism.

While these years were important periods, it is difficult to say whether or not they were more important than intervening years or if there is a clear difference between events in the years of the major standstill and those in the minors. The years of major standstill were certainly ones of war, but so too were several of the minors (though these seem to signify endings rather than beginnings, even Pearl Harbor falls into that category for it brought about the US entry into World War II and that in turn marked the inevitable defeat of the Axis powers). Taxes are frequently mentioned, perhaps the minor standstill of 1996-97 will see the introduction of a greatly simplified scheme in the US.

A more objective measure is needed.

EACH DAY the ☉ rises at an appointed spot on the skyline, a different spot each day, reaching a northerly extreme in summer and its deep south point in winter. The midway point heralds the first day of Spring and Fall. The D does much the same, rising and setting at a different place on the skyline each day. When full the D rises at sunset and then is later by 48 minutes, on average, each night after that. The ☉ regularly repeats itself each year, but the D does not. The D's northern extreme of one year is beaten by a few diameters in the next. Then it will retrace its steps.

Not only does the D swing from extreme north to extreme south in two weeks compared to the ☉'s six months, but it edges further north and

Table 4:

World events during periods of a Minor Lunar Standstill

1885: The fall of Khartoum and death of General Gordon; William Stanley invented the transformer; William Burroughs invented the earliest commercial adding machine; Louis Pasteur successfully inoculated a child bitten by a dog infected by rabies; and Gottlieb Daimler developed his light-weight high-speed petrol engine, the forerunner of the motor car.

1903: The king and queen of Serbia were assassinated; there was a general strike in the Netherlands; Henry Ford founded his motor company; and the Wright brothers made man's first flight in a heavier-than-air machine.

1922: Civil war in Ireland and the Irish Free State came into being; Stalin became General Secretary of the Communist Party in Russia; the USSR was organized; Mussolini and his fascists took over in Italy; the sultanate was abolished in Turkey; Joyce's *Ulysses* appeared; and the first regular radio broadcasts for entertainment began.

1941: World War II in Europe; Pearl Harbor; the US entered the war; Germany invaded Russia; the Manhattan Project (atomic bomb research) began; and the first jet aircraft was flown.

1959: Cuba's President Batista resigned and fled — Castro took over; China invaded Tibet and the Dalai Lama escaped to India; and the St. Lawrence Seaway opened allowing ocean ships to reach the Midwest.

1978: First space shuttle; first test-tube baby; black majority rule at last agreed in Rhodesia, which became Zimbabwe; Egypt's Anwar Sadat and Israel's Menachem Begin signed a peace agreement; there was revolution in Iran; inflation; protectionist moves by industrial countries; and Californians approved a 60% cut in property taxes.

south each year, repeating its pattern of rising and setting after 18.61 years. After three of these 18.61-year cycles or close to 56 years the $\mathcal{D}$ repeats itself to the day — on any particular calendar day the direction of the line of nodes will be almost exactly the same as it was 56 years earlier. The $\mathcal{D}$ will therefore rise with the same azimuth, but not with the same phase (for that 57 years are required).

It is worth noting the links between the dates of eclipses and the declinations of the $\mathcal{D}$. The $\mathcal{D}$ was at the major standstill in 1913, 1932, 1959, 1969 and 1987. It was at its minor standstill in 1922, 1940, 1959 and 1978, and it is there again next year, in 1996. In the years of major and minor standstills, eclipses are at the full $\mathcal{D}$'s nearest the Spring and Autumnal equinoxes, at which time both the $\odot$ and the $\mathcal{D}$ are close to their nodes. Halfway between the standstill, eclipses take place near the Winter and Summer solstices.

FLUCTUATIONS of prices on the New York Stock Exchange are considered to be an indication of the economic health not only of the US but also of much of the industrial world. They are said to mirror any change from optimism to pessimism.

In the year of a major standstill one might expect extreme volatility in the stock market as the D swings from one declination extreme to the other. By contrast the minor standstill would then be much less so with variations confined within a smaller range. Obviously one immediately recognizes 1987, the year of a major standstill, as one in which the stock market did in fact fluctuate wildly, with the dramatic drop and rebound in October. How the market, expressed in terms of the Dow, acted in the standstill years is described in Tables 5 and 6.

Table 5:

Changes in the Dow during years of Major Standstill

- **1912-1913** — The Dow went from a bottom at 53 on 9/25/1911 to top at 69 on 9/30/1912, then dropped back to 53 on 6/11/1913.
 - **1931-1932** — Bear market. A very volatile year with the market falling from 194 on 2/24/31 to 85 on 10/5/31. It recovered to 114 on 11/9/31 but then fell away again to bottom at 40 the following July.
 - **1950** — Bull market. The Dow rose from a bottom on 6/14/49 at 161 to top on 6/12/50 at 228., it dropped down to 197 on 7/13/50 and then climbed steadily to 294 on 1/5/53.
 - **1968-1969** — Volatile: From Bear to Bull to Bear. Having fallen from a high of 937 on 9/26/67, the market rose from a bottom at 826 on 3/22/68 to top at 983 on 12/2/68; it then fell throughout 1969 to bottom at 631 in May 1970.
 - **1987-1988** — Sharp correction to a Bull market. The market had risen from 1097 on 7/25/84 to top at 2722 on 8/25/87. It dropped sharply to 1738 on 10/19/87, instantly rebounded back to 2027 two days later, but then fell down to 1766 on 12/4/87; thereafter it rose steadily to 3000 on 7/17/90.
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1978 apart, the years of Lunar Minor Standstill (see Table 6) do not appear to have been as volatile as those in which a Major Standstill occurred. This is to be expected. However, the Minor Standstill years each contained a correction to the trend, and in 1978 there was a complete reversal

Table 6:

Changes in the Dow during years of Minor standstills:

- 1922 — Minor correction to Bull market. From a bottom at 63 on 8/24/1921, the market moved to top at 103 on 10/14/22. It then dropped off to 92 on 11/27/22 but was back up at 105 on 3/20/23.
- 1941 — Minor correction to an ongoing Bear market. The market dropped from 138 on 11/7/40 to 115 on 5/1/41, was up to 130 on 7/22/40, but then fell for the rest of the year to bottom at 92 on 4/28/42.
- 1960 — An undramatic although distinct correction. The market had risen from a bottom at 420 on 10/22/57 to top at 679 on 1/4/60, it then fell to 566 on 10/25/60, after which it continued its climb to top at 735 on 12/13/61.
- 1978 — The change over from Bear to Bull occurred in March 1978. The market had fallen steadily from a top at 1014 on 9/22/76 to finally bottom at 743 on 3/1/78. It then rose to 897 on 10/12/78, fell back again to 785 on 11/14/78, and then began a steady climb (with minor corrections in 10/78 and 3/80) to peak at 1024 on 4/27/1981.
- 1996/97 — Some stuttering and sideways motion in 1994 apart, the market entered 1996 having risen steadily and with increasing energy since 10/11/90.

But again this tends to be a subjective judgment. To get a more objective fix, the statistical measure best suited to measuring variability when the average is changing (in the past 100 years the Dow has risen some 2,000-fold), the Coefficient of Variation, was calculated for the Dow prices in the different standstill years.

$$\text{Coefficient of Variation} = 100 * \frac{\sqrt{\text{Variance}}}{\text{Mean}}$$

The maximum angle of declination attained by the ☽ during a lunation depends upon the position of the nodes relative to zero-Aries. The periods analyzed therefore consisted of those days encompassed by the $\Omega \propto 0^\circ \Upsilon \pm 5^\circ$ for the Major Standstills and those when the Ω was $\propto 0^\circ \approx \pm 5^\circ$ for Minor Standstills. As controls, the same coefficient was also calculated for those periods when the Ω was located at the two other Cardinal points. The results of the analysis are given in Table 7.

Table 7:

Comparison of Variability in Dow-Jones Index

Period	Market days	Mean Price	Variance	Coefficient of Variation
Major Standstill $\Omega \sigma 0^\circ \tau \pm 5^\circ$				
7/12/1894 - 1/16/1895	157	28.88	0.79	3.082
2/23/1913 - 8/29/1913	155	57.68	3.05	3.026
10/4/1931 - 4/11/1932	128	84.88	150.89	14.472
5/16/1950 - 11/20/1950	130	220.25	69.57	3.787
12/25/1969 - 7/1/1969	128	927.34	525.97	2.473
8/5/1987 - 2/11/1988	133	2184.50	110724.42	15.232
Minor Standstill : $\Omega \sigma 0^\circ \simeq \pm 5^\circ$				
3/22/1885 - 9/26/1885	168	27.44	1.56	4.546
11/2/1903 - 5/7/1904	154	34.78	1.81	3.869
6/13/1922 - 12/19/1922	133	97.32	8.75	3.039
1/12/1941 - 7/30/1941	139	122.30	20.01	3.658
9/5/1959 - 3/11/1960	129	642.61	393.01	3.085
4/17/1978 - 10/21/1978	132	855.37	786.14	3.278
Control: $\Omega \sigma 0^\circ \Theta \pm 5^\circ$				
11/15/1889 - 5/23/1890	158	36.23	0.82	2.496
6/28/1908 - 1/2/1909	154	60.39	7.58	4.558
2/8/1927 - 8/15/1927	130	167.67	54.67	4.410
9/19/1945 - 3/26/1946	126	192.17	48.42	3.621
5/1/196 - 11/5/1964	131	844.39	492.38	2.628
12/10/1982 - 6/17/1983	132	1129.20	4532.30	5.962
Control: $\Omega \sigma 0^\circ \overline{\theta} \pm 5^\circ$				
10/18/1917 - 4/24/1918	126	75.40	15.10	5.154
5/11/1936 - 12/4/1936	146	165.97	101.91	6.082
1/10/1955 - 7/16/1955	131	421.25	322.95	4.266
8/21/1973 - 2/25/1974	130	879.85	2896.90	6.117
3/31/1992 - 10/6/1992	132	3524.70	4729.60	1.951

The Minor Standstill, here defined as occurring when the Ω is within 5° of $0^\circ \approx$, has a fairly low and consistent coefficient, one that is usually below that observed in the two Control periods. This series of flat values clearly indicates that, despite the steady increase of the stock prices over the 90+ years and the increase in absolute variability, as shown by the Mean and the Variance, the relative variability remains constant when the $\mathcal{D}$ is at its Minor Standstill.

By contrast, the Major Standstill, occurring with the $\Omega \approx 0^\circ \Upsilon$, exhibited two periods, 1931-32 and 1987-88, which are *56 years apart*, in which was been excessive variability in the stock prices.

This analysis with the Coefficient of Variation does therefore confirm that stock prices on the NYSE have exhibited different levels of relative volatility during these two different types of lunar standstill.

- During the minor lunar standstill period, as measured by the $\Omega \approx 0^\circ \approx \pm 5^\circ$, prices on the stock exchange experienced a consistently low level of volatility. During these same periods the range of fluctuation of the $\mathcal{D}$'s declination was at its lowest.
- When the range of movement of the lunar declination is at its greatest, during the times of the Major Standstill, measured here as $\Omega \approx 0^\circ \Upsilon \pm 5^\circ$, extreme volatility was observed in the Dow-Jones index *over a 56-year interval*. This same 56-year period, which is the cycle of eclipses, is also well-known in its relationship to price and economic activity as the Kondratieff Wave.
- By contrast to the two Standstill periods, the two Control periods, when the Ω is at $0^\circ \ominus$ and $\mathcal{A}$, exhibited volatility that is consistently greater than that observed during the minor standstill but which does not fluctuate as wildly as is seen during the major standstill periods
- The period between these two forms of lunar Standstill, which is 9.3 years, coincides with another well-known economic cycle, the Juglar Wave.

The difference in volatility between the two standstill periods is very much what one would expect. The different ranges of the $\mathcal{D}$'s declination cycle certainly suggest that the minor standstill period would be subject to less variation than the major one. It is also appropriate that, occurring when the Ω is around the Sign of the Autumnal Equinox, $\approx$, prices should be stable and fluctuations be minimal during the minor standstill period; $\approx$ is after all where $\mathfrak{h}$ is exalted. And of course at the major standstill the

♄ is ♈ ♀, the Sign of the life force, ruled by ♈ and the exaltation of the ☉, at which time restraint is unnatural and change is being demanded. The two standstill periods, like virtually everything that we observe in astrology, signify the continual natural swing between expansion and contraction that is present in all aspects of life.



THERE IS strong evidence that megalithic moonwatchers kept track of the extreme positions of moonrise and moonset throughout the 18.6-year cycle of variation. At the times when the ♄ reaches its greatest monthly limits the extreme moonrises and moonsets change very little month to month. In this way, these periods of lunar extremes, or standstills, are like the situation at the solstices, when the ☉'s position on the horizon at sunrise and sunset changes very little day to day.

Analysis of recumbent stone circles in north-eastern Scotland, of the lunar alignments at Stonehenge and of those at Carnac in Brittany certainly imply that prehistoric people in Britain and France were aware of the 18.6-year cycle and the lunar extremes.

At Stonehenge, for example, around the perimeter of the circle of standing stones, there is another circle, known as the Aubrey Circle after its discoverer. This secondary circle consists of 56 holes. There have been intense arguments over the years between astro-archeologists concerning whether or not the 56 holes of the Aubrey circle were intended to mark the 56 years that it takes the ♄ to fulfill its eclipse cycle, which takes place in the course of the three 18.61-year nodal revolutions. Whether they were or not, this particular lunar phenomena is well worth watching in mundane and financial charts.

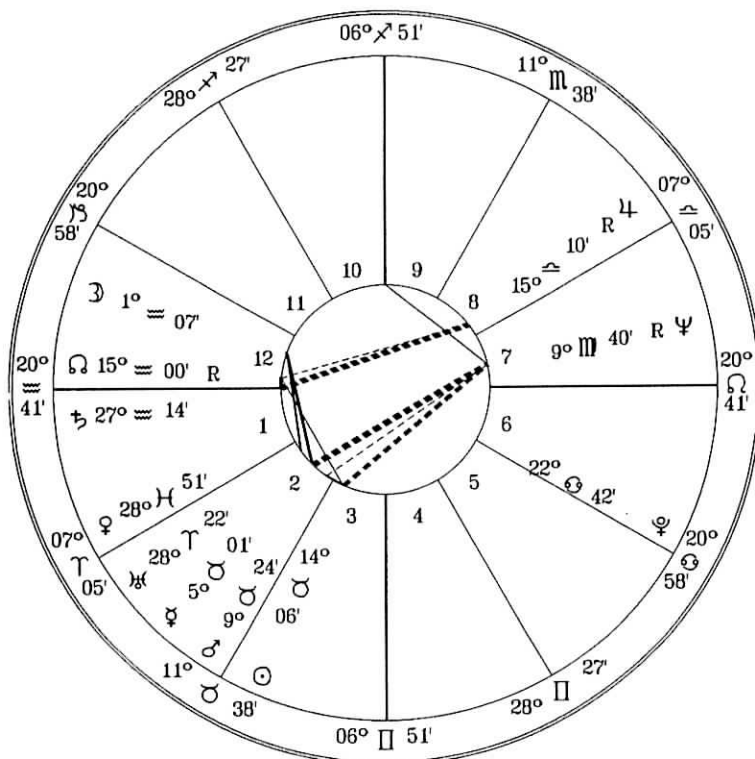
I've made no comment on the meaning of a lunar standstill in the natal horoscope. One might expect a person born during times of a major lunar standstill and having the D in a high declination to exhibit extremes of emotional behavior. Indeed, in the extreme case ($\Omega \propto 0^\circ \text{ T}$ and $\text{D} \propto 0^\circ \ominus/\oslash$), this could well be a signature of a manic depressive, someone at the mercy of fast-changing moods. Several of my cases of schizophrenia were born during major standstill periods. By contrast, an individual born during a minor standstill must be expected to be much more placid than is usual, more self-contained and controlled, and perhaps less vulnerable to external stimuli. In the extreme case ($\Omega \propto 0^\circ \pm$ and $\text{D} \propto 0^\circ \ominus/\oslash$), the native may well exhibit distinct withdrawal symptoms and be unable or unwilling to take part in normal social interactions. I must emphasize that my research is far from being adequate with regard to the effect of these standstills in the natal chart. I haven't examined enough cases to be certain that I have fully identified their significance. Observations from readers will be welcome.



Rectification Contest number Eight

Revisited

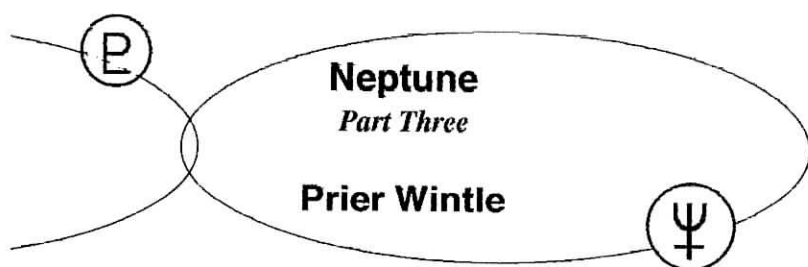
The subject was a female born May 5, 1934 at Huntington, West Virginia (38N25, 82W27). In our review of the various entries, in *Considerations* X:4 pages 94-95, it was stated that the time of birth was 2 p.m. "from the mother." This was incorrect. The birth time was 2:00 a.m. and comes from the birth certificate, a copy of which is in the possession of David Dozier, who is our source for the event data. Mr. Dozier has now kindly provided a far more extensive listing of events involving the native. Readers may wish to use this valuable information to improve their understanding of the nature and timing of events that coincide with directions and transits to the natal chart.



Female, born 2:00 a.m. EST on May 5th, 1934
at Huntington, West Virginia: 38N25, 82W27.

#	Date		Age	Nature of event
1	13 Jun	1935	1.11	Brother # 1 born (Bob)
2	2 May	1940	5.99	Birth of twin brothers
3	12 Sep	1942	8.36	Brother # 4 born (Richard)
4	10 Mar	1944	9.85	Brother # 5 born (Scooter)
5	17 Mar	1948	13.87	Death of grandmother (Zen)
6	14 May	1948	14.03	Cheerleader elect for four years
7	22 May	1952	18.05	Graduated from High School
8	2 Jun	1952	18.08	Joined the Navy
9	3 Apr	1953	18.91	First marriage
10	3 July	1953	19.16	Discharged from Navy
11	31 Dec	1953	19.66	Birth of first child (son Michael)
12	30 Nov	1954	20.57	Birth of daughter Marsha
13	11 July	1957	23.18	Birth of third child (son Kelly)
14	23 Mar	1959	24.88	Birth of daughter Lisa
15	24 Oct	1961	27.47	Death of great-grandmother (Jen)
16	27 July	1962	28.23	Death of step-father

#	Date	Age	Nature of event
17	19 Aug 1962	28.29	Birth of fifth child (son Christopher)
18	5 Jan 1963	28.67	Surgery — hysterectomy
19	3 Aug 1964	30.25	Got job at Post Office
20	Aug 1967	33.24	Moved to Hawaii
21	2 Dec 1970	36.58	Death of uncle (Fred)
22	17 Jun 1971	37.12	Death of uncle (Everett)
23	Aug 1971	37.24	Moved to West Virginia
24	29 Jun 1972	38.15	Divorce
25	19 Apr 1973	38.96	Accident at work — fractured sacrum
26	1 Jun 1973	39.07	Death of (1st) father-in-law
27	15 Nov 1973	39.53	Joined Naval Reserve
28	July 1974	40.15	Major surgery
29	13 Sep 1974	40.36	Quit Post Office job
30	1 Jan 1975	40.66	Jailbird as 'friendly drunk'
31	April 1975	40.90	Moved to Florida
32	2 May 1975	40.99	Birth of grandson (Lee)
33	9 May 1975	41.01	Victim of shotgun robbery
34	3 Oct 1975	41.41	Eyewitness of murder/suicide
35	16 Jan 1976	41.70	Second marriage
36	12 Aug 1976	42.27	Sunstroke in Bermuda
37	5 Mar 1977	42.83	Death of eldest child (Michael)
38	27 Nov 1977	43.56	Birth of grandson (Joshua)
39	14 Feb 1980	45.78	Birth of grandson (Matthew)
40	4 Mar 1980	45.83	Death of (2nd) father-in-law
41	1 May 1981	46.99	Birth of grandson (Christopher)
42	8 Apr 1982	47.93	Birth of granddaughter (Stacey)
43	22 Apr 1984	49.97	Heart attack
44	29 Dec 1984	50.65	Death of (1st) mother-in-law
45	8 Oct 1985	51.43	Birth of granddaughter (Stephanie)
46	Nov 1985	51.49	Moved to Hawaii
47	12 Nov 1985	51.52	Discharged from Naval Reserve
48	29 Oct 1986	52.48	Death of brother (Richard)
49	6 Nov 1986	52.51	Heart cauterization
50	20 Mar 1988	53.88	Death of (2nd) mother-in-law
51	1 Dec 1988	54.58	Moved to Texas
52	20 Mar 1989	54.87	Second divorce
53	4 Apr 1989	54.92	"Mother sick so I went to WV"
54	5 Aug 1989	55.25	Death of mother
55	12 Aug 1989	55.27	Returned to Texas
56	4 Feb 1991	56.75	Death of Aunt (Flo)
57	20 Nov 1992	58.55	Broke six bones in right foot
58	10 Jun 1994	60.10	Broke left ankle
59	15 Apr 1995	60.94	Broke big toe on left foot
60	18 Dec 1995	61.62	Tonsillitis & sinusitis



WHAT WE ARE struggling towards when we try to understand Ψ is the principle of Transformation. Readers may object that it is P who is the transformer — specifically ‘the transformer and annihilator.’ I am not using the word transformation in quite this sense, though there is a certain overlap between the principles of P and Ψ . One sees it clearly wherever fanaticism manifests itself, whether in religion or nationalism. One is Ψ ’s own field, the other is P ’s; but in both cases the dedicated intensity comes from P and the spiritual ecstasy and imperviousness to normal reasoning from Ψ . It may be no accident, symbolically speaking, that the orbit of P actually crosses that of Ψ , though we are told that astronomically there is no possibility of them ever meeting.

When P is the transformer he produces the *result* of the transformation. That which was hidden or pent up reveals itself in the shape of an earthquake or volcanic eruption, or a violent emotional outburst or political upheaval.

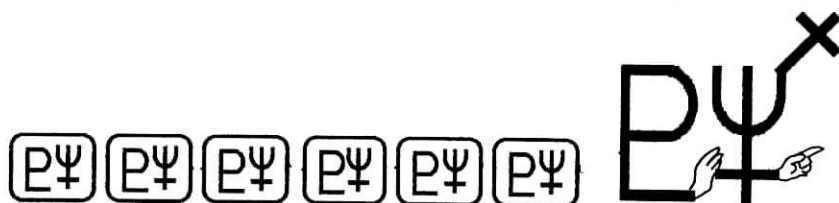
Ψ governs inner workings which produce a transformation from within. At its best this is the individuation process Jung described, whereby all the different, warring facets of an individual personality become harmonized and reconciled so that the true Self can manifest, with both self-understanding and understanding of its purpose and relation to the external world. The author of the chapter on Neptune in Alan Leo’s *Art of Synthesis*¹ put it beautifully when he said that the Uranian changes things externally but the Neptunian has no need to do this. He can go on doing what everyone else does, but for new and different reasons. Nevertheless, ultimately Ψ can produce external change, and it will be far more far reaching and fundamental change than any change which is purely and *solely* external. It is change in essence, and at its best it constitutes a fulfillment, as when a caterpillar becomes a butterfly.

¹ C. E. O. Carter mentions somewhere that the chapters on Uranus and Neptune in that book, both of which are excellent, were not by Leo himself but were commissioned by him. I think the one on Neptune was by H. S. Green.

To achieve this Ψ first turns inward, not outward like $\mathbb{X}$, nor indeed like any of the other planets. One remembers the words of Jesus, the Prince of the Piscean Age, ruled by Ψ , "My kingdom is not of this world."² Yet ultimately the turning away and renunciation gives him power over everything that exists.

This is Ψ at his best. Truly he represents the spiritual principle. Yet of course he is *not* always at his best. To use another of Jung's terms, he can be the Shadow principle we always do our best to deny in ourselves. Yet we do ultimately have to come to terms, even with this.

Its working is clearly and indeed chillingly revealed in the following charts of Born-Again Christians, for here we see Ψ quite cynically allying himself with $\mathbb{P}$ to produce a corps of disciplinary shock troops.



To understand the charts just imagine that you are a very powerful but not quite omnipotent individual who wants to rule the world. You aren't going to use physical force and you are not going to ground your right to rule in rational argument. Actually you know that rational, logical reasoning is always incomplete since the basic premises from which it works, and which it links together, are never the whole truth. They are only partial truths; external, objective experiences which are taken to be axiomatic; common-sense data on which rational persons are supposed to agree. So you have deluged the world with data and experiences which contradict, undermine or go beyond these objective common-sense data. You have introduced Spiritualism to the world. You have started the Mormon religion and you have encouraged Buddhist and Hindu monks to preach the West. And you have sponsored books like Frijthof Capra's *The Tao of Physics*. But something is still missing. How can you round up and apply what you have started to build up real power? It is all too fragmentary and disorganized. Moreover, to too great an extent, it tends to appeal only to rootless intellectuals. These are satisfactorily detached from rational scientific orthodoxy but they drift from one -ism or cult to another. You can't ground a power base in them.

You recognize that you have to go back solidly to religion again. The cults were fine — along with drugs — as an initial smoke-screen to begin

² John 18:36.

to detach people from scientific rationalism. But now you need a religion; and preferably one — or more than one — of the old established ones. From your past experience you know just how effective they can be when you get them going. You were able to get the Alexandrian library in Egypt burnt by the Moslems (“if it’s in the Koran we don’t need it and if it isn’t in the Koran we don’t want it”), and the Ulpian library in Rome similarly by Christians. Go back to them. Stoke up their faith. Even get a bit of fanatical help from “ to make sure they don’t succumb to reason and science any more.

Strangely enough an experiment which looks suspiciously as though it may have been designed by $\aleph$ could have put thoughts like these into Ψ ’s head. In the Communist world after the success of the Russian Revolution in 1917 a sustained attempt was made to get rid of religion altogether. People were to be educated out of it. Science and science alone was to be taught. But it didn’t work. A need or yearning for some non-rational or supra-rational belief structure seems to be inherent in man and it is particularly strong in the Slavic peoples. So religion survived in Russia despite everything.

There must be another way, $\aleph$ thought. Well — what about a scientific religion — a religion which would provide a new revelation by means of which man, as super scientist, would attain superhuman powers?

He tried it. He prepared the ground carefully over decades with science fiction. This in itself became a cult. Then in 1950 L. Ron Hubbard (σ exactly σ $\aleph$ in $\overline{\sigma}$) published *Dianetics, the Modern Science of Mental Health*. Overnight it became a best seller. It portrays the whole of man’s mental and spiritual life as the saga of a rational spiritual being struggling to achieve freedom from aberration in an aberrated world in order to manifest its own essential dignity. And it is also a do-it-yourself manual. Any two people studying the book and working together can cure each other’s psychological aberrations by ‘co-auditing’ (therapy) and go on to become ‘clear’, i.e., to achieve successful control over the whole meaning of their lives.

Hubbard went on to found a fully-fledged church, the Church of Scientology. He developed the concept of the Operating Thetan (O.T.), the totally free spirit which can choose whether or not to inhabit a physical



body since it is essentially immortal. Man is a spiritual being but he is himself potentially divine and not subject to any external overriding or limiting power.

The church is growing and now has a world-wide membership. It has also come to exercise considerable clout by attacking orthodox psychiatry, for it claims to have the sole true key which can set all of mankind totally free.³

Obviously ♀ could not allow this to go unchallenged. We know what his answer was. It came during the drug and Hippie sixties with the Jesus Freaks. They affirmed religion in its strictest, most fundamentalist form in opposition to all that was going on around them, without any room for dialogue with psychology, the modernist 'moderate' churches, or anything that didn't go right back to Pentecost. They began talking in tongues and casting out demons like Alcoholism, Gluttony, Masturbation and Homosexuality. Today they are called Born-Again Christians. Their number is steadily growing. Even the orthodox denominations, faced with empty churches, are having to come to terms with them.

Now Born-Again Christianity is rather like influenza. Anyone can catch it or be caught by it, or so it seems. Born-Again Christians themselves say that "the Spirit taketh whomsoever it chooseth," and it is certainly true that people one would never have thought would go that way do go that way. Nevertheless, I think there are certain astrological pointers which *may* indicate a predisposition to be 'taken'. Just as there are genetic markers (a number of different ones) which indicate a vulnerability to schizophrenia, though not everyone who has them will become schizophrenic since certain environmental life stresses are also required to trigger the illness, just so there are various astrological markers which may never be triggered in a lifetime but which could lead to Born-Again Christianity if they are triggered by transits or directions indicating spiritual stress at some time or other. If you don't have them, ♀ may not be able to get the handhold he needs, but if you do.....

³ And fascinatingly enough it doesn't advertise or proselytize in Neptune's usual manner by promising something delightful and easy. "This is a very tough outfit," says one of Hubbard's brochures. "It's no walk in the park. It's no place to come to for free service. We're here. Those who need us are out there." It is an approach which evokes an answering chord in a surprisingly large number of people.

THE FIRST OF the charts that follow is what I would call a classical clear case.⁴ I first met M about 17 years ago when she came to me at the suggestion of a friend for an astrological consultation. Later I met her again when she and her husband hosted a visiting Buddhist priest at their spacious home and I was one of a considerable number who sat in the garden and listened to his address. This was in Cape Town. Later they moved to Johannesburg where her husband had a factory which operated, sadly, under the strain of an ever-increasing overdraft. I corresponded fairly regularly with M over the years and heard of guru after guru whom she venerated for a time only to suffer eventual disillusionment. She studied astrology, went to numerologists, and joined the Rosicrucians. We argued about reincarnation, in which she firmly believed. To me it has remained an open question. In about 1989 a good friend of hers who had become a Buddhist after being an Alice Bailey student for many years suddenly became a Born-Again Christian. M could not understand it. The friend told her how she had burnt all her Alice Bailey books and of the strange pattern the smoke made as it rose from the bonfire.



Then in 1992 M herself suddenly joined Jews for Jesus (both she and her husband are Jewish) and became converted, to her husband's consternation. However, knowing how short a time all her other enthusiasms had lasted he felt hopeful that this one would soon fizzle as well. But it didn't — it had come to stay. It is stronger then ever after three years, something which had never happened before.

Her chart (Figure 1) shows $\square$ exactly σ $\odot$ in $\ominus$ in the XIth House (by equal house), 5° from the cusp, an indication that reveals an intense yearning for an objective in life to which she can become affiliated heart and soul. Unfortunately the conjunction is clearly squared by σ in $\simeq$ from the IIInd House. M has had to work almost non-stop seven days a week for

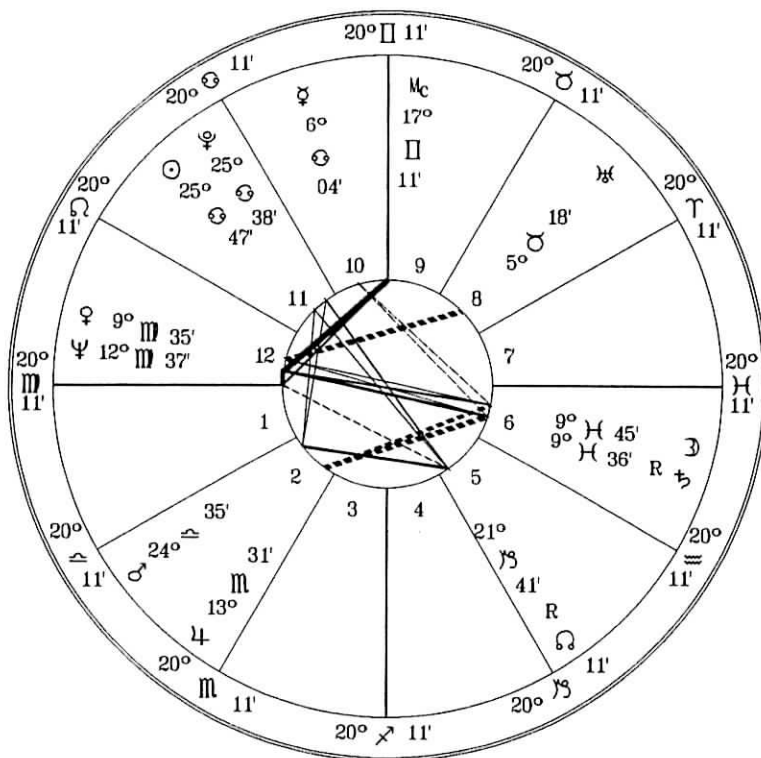
⁴ One objection which may possibly be raised against my examples is that they are all charts of friends or erstwhile friends of mine whom I knew before they became born again and who formerly had esoteric interests, similar to my own. It was through these interests that we initially got to know each other and I received their birth data at that time. It is very difficult to get birth times from Born-Again Christians once the Spirit has taken them because they then regard astrology as sinful. As a result I don't have charts of people — and there must be many of them — who became born again without ever having had any interest in esotericism. If there are readers who can supply me with such data I would be very pleased to receive it.

Fig. 1:

M. a Born-Again Christian

Female, born 9:20 a.m. GMT, July 19, 1935

London, England: 51N30, 0W10



years to assist her husband in his business, trying to stave off bankruptcy, a pattern of daily work-life responsibility reinforced and confirmed by the ☽ exactly σ ♀ in the VIth σ ♀ and ♀ in the XIIth. No wonder her esoteric interests couldn't last under that pressure, though progressions show she was trying, trying all the time. In 1984 progressed ☾ conjoined ♀ in the XIIth and in 1989-90 ♀ did the same, having returned and passed over her natal place to close their 3° wide natal conjunction after being retrograde for many years. M's search was intensifying all the time though nothing so far lasted. But then in 1992 progressed ☾ conjoined the natal Ascendant. Suddenly all that Plutonian energy that had been confined for thirty years as the ☾ moved through the XIIth House burst into the open. She converted and found herself.

In 1994-95 the current ♀ ♂ ♀ in ♂ seems to have consolidated her spiritual revolution, though possibly in a dangerously extreme form. ♀ remained stationary for five months ♂ ○-□ in 1994 and ♀ did the same

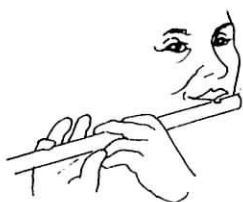
between February and June 1995, producing what strikes me as almost insane fanaticism. Two months ago, in May 1995 under the ♄ station, M wrote informing me that a heart problem and depression illness I have suffered from are due to my being demon-possessed as a result of my interest in astrology!

♄ is more centrally mixed up in all this than perhaps I have so far made clear. The fanaticism comes from natal ☾ ♀ ♀ but ♄, with ♀, is at the hub or fulcrum of a Kite figure comprised of his ♀ to ☽ ♀ ♀ in the VIth from his own XIIth House and sextiles to ♀ and ♄. In a very real way he has dominated this chart all along.⁵

We shall encounter more Kite figures and prominent Fan formations involving ♄ as we proceed with the examination of others of these Born-Again Christian charts.

JIS A LADY I originally met in 1986 at the home of a Theosophist friend. She was a music teacher at a state school in Cape Town and for a short time she boarded at my friend's house. At that time she used to attend Theosophical meetings and read Theosophical books and was interested in exploring astrology and the 'New Age' world generally. She played the flute and the piano and for five or six years she and I and another friend, who is a violinist and also a music teacher, used to play trios together every month or so. These meetings sadly ceased when J married in 1992.

Her religious progress was more gentle and gradual than that of M. She first joined the Society of Friends (Quakers), applying in 1988 and being accepted in 1989. At that time she was not dogmatic or rigid or judgmental at all. She believed in humanitarian work and the outlawing of war and in the right and duty of everyone to search inwardly for spiritual direction and guidance. However, she had become skeptical of Theosophy and other non-Christian paths. Then in 1990-91 she began attending an Assemblies of God church, a definitely Born-Again denomination which practices 'speaking in tongues' during its services. Here she met her husband-to-be, and her transition to a rigid Born-Again Christian belief system, stressing conviction of sin, eventually became complete.



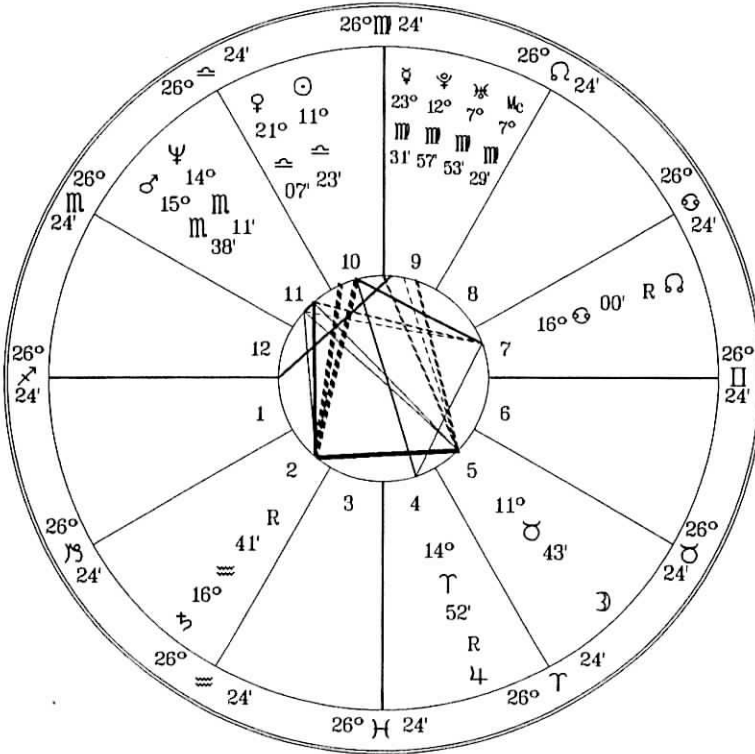
⁵ Another point worth noting is that because there are no planets in essential dignity in the chart, nor any mutual reception, everything is disposed by the triangle formed by ♀ in the Xth in the ☽'s Sign, the ☽ in the VIth in ♄'s Sign, and ♄ in the XIIth in ♀'s Sign. Since ♄ is in his own House, he comes out as the strongest member of the triad.

Fig. 2:

J. a Born-Again Christian

Female, born 8:30 a.m. GMT, October 5, 1963

Cape Town, South Africa: 33S55, 18E22



As in M's case her chart shows the ♀ ♂ ♀, here ♂ ♂, though in this chart it is from the Vth to the XIth House. ♄ squares both poles of the opposition from the IIInd House, forming a fixed T-Cross. Since the formation occupies succedent (fixed) Houses (by equal house), it is not surprising that her progress should have been from a less rigid to a more rigid world view. Note that ♄ is not only placed in the IIInd House but he also rules it while ♂, ♂ ♀, rules the Vth. This suggests some financial problems connected with work and also the possibility of rigidity or aggression towards children in the school environment. Fortunately ♄ is also ♀ and the ☉ in the Xth House, which will mitigate this.

♂ is 5° 4' from ♄ who is precisely ♂ the Midheaven. In this chart by equal house the Midheaven falls in the IXth House and ♄ is also placed there. Better auguries for J's success as a teacher are the fact that both ♂ and ♄ are ♀ in the Vth while ♄ rules the IIIrd House of teaching.

All in all, therefore, I find this an interesting chart suggesting a conflict or tug of war between two principles. On the one hand we have ♄ on the

Midheaven — a very frequent indicator of an occult rather than a mystical life direction. Since $\mathbb{P}$ is σ $\mathbb{K}$ this might have become a very intense and dedicated life direction. However, on the other hand we have Ψ in the XIth House of Life Objectives, in $\mathbb{P}$'s Sign of $\mathbb{M}$ and very closely σ σ° (only just over 1° away from exactness). Thus he too has tremendous energy and intensity. And eventually he has triumphed, even though one can see why the decision between them would be slow and gradual since the $\odot$ is poised between the two in the Sign $\simeq$, $\neq$ both Ψ and $\mathbb{P}$, i.e., in a Fan formation again.

Why did the contest end in favor of Ψ ? Well, note that the $\odot$ is ρ $\mathbb{V}$ in the IVth in Υ , ruled by σ° , who is with Ψ . And $\mathbb{V}$ is also π both $\mathbb{P}$ and σ° - Ψ , a formation sometimes called a Yod. $\mathbb{K}$ really stands outside this powerful formation, despite his strong placement on the Midheaven, whereas $\mathbb{P}$ is in it and is therefore drawn away from his σ with $\mathbb{K}$ into association with Ψ , who is in his Sign $\mathbb{M}$. And Ψ is σ σ° , who disposes of $\mathbb{V}$, the point of the Yod. Thus, whoever is with σ° wins, and since he is in $\mathbb{P}$'s Sign that energy is drawn in too. [This is certainly an argument reminiscent of Horary Astrology, but it is valid for all that.]

Progressions and transits flesh out the story quite clearly. $\mathbb{V}$ retrograded to close his natal ρ to the $\odot$ in 1990-91, which is when $\mathbb{V}_x$ began attending the Assemblies of God church. Then in 1992 regressed $\odot$ was σ $\mathbb{P}$ and she married a member of the church (regressed $\mathbb{Q}$ was actually with the $\odot$ and σ $\mathbb{P}$ in 1993). During 1995 and in 1996 both progressed $\odot$ and $\mathbb{Q}$ will σ first Ψ and then σ° , auguring a considerable increase in the ardor of J's devotion to her chosen church.

By transit $\mathbb{P}$, Ψ and $\mathbb{K}$ are not particularly involved with this chart over the present period but $\mathbb{T}$ returned to his own place in 1992-93, reaffirming his natal T-Cross to Ψ - σ° and the $\mathbb{D}$. In 1994-95 he was ρ $\mathbb{P}$ and $\mathbb{K}$, tending to negate their natal conjunction.

It is just possible, however, that an interesting prospect could open up in 1997 when regressed $\odot$ is σ natal $\mathbb{K}$. Could there be a change — perhaps associated with a divorce? Or will transiting $\mathbb{T}$, σ natal $\mathbb{V}$ in the IVth and ρ $\odot$, prevent it?

S THE THIRD of these Born-Again Christians is a lady whom I would have described as one of the most deeply 'occult involved' people I have ever known. I would never have imagined, till I started this piece of research, that she could become Christian material, and I doubt if she did either.

S was born in Dunedin, New Zealand. Her parents divorced when she was just into her teens and her father left to live in a homosexual relation-

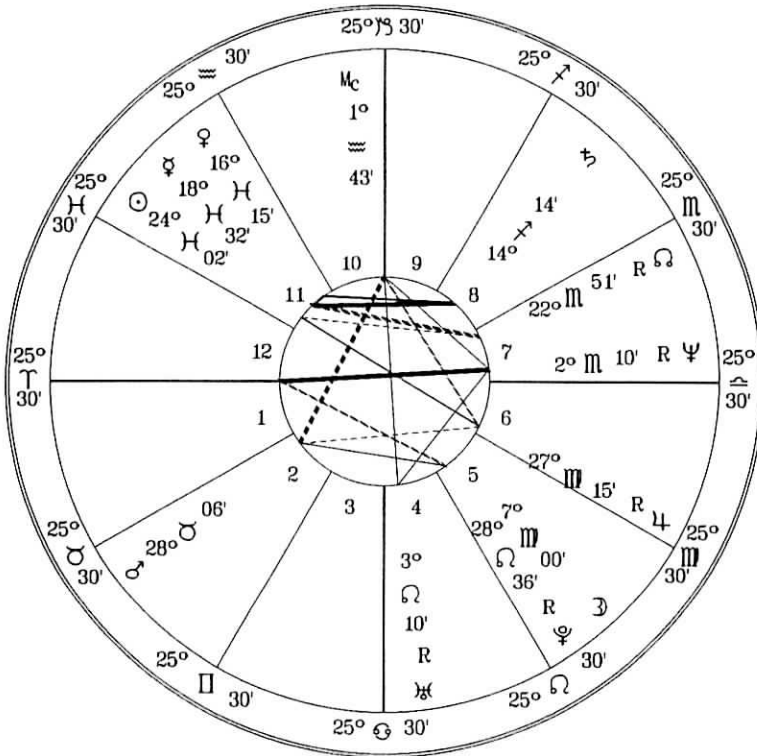
ship with a friend whom up until that time she had liked and trusted and regarded as an 'uncle'. She then lost all contact with her father for many years. Her mother kept a hotel in South Dunedin. Then one day during her final year at school she was gang raped on her way home from school and became pregnant. As a result she never took her final school leaving certificate.

Fig. 3:

S. a Jehovah's Witness

Female, born 9:25 p.m. GMT, March 15, 1957

Dunedin, New Zealand: 45S53, 170E30



Probably most of this can be read from ♄, the MC ruler, on the IC almost exactly □ ♀ as well as from the ☉, ruling the IC, in ♈ in the XIth ♀ ♄ in the VIth (see Figure 3). The rape would be suggested by ♄, ruling the VIIIth House, on the cusp of the Vth exactly □ ♂.

Unfortunately it was not the only instance of violence in her life. In 1985 she was brutally beaten up by a man friend who went through a psychopathic episode. She had told him she was pregnant and he hit her violently in the stomach. As a consequence she had to have one ovary removed.

Her childhood at the hotel caused her to develop a precocious maturity, sexually and in other ways, since she was continually meeting and interacting with adult strangers. Her mother provided some material security and a home — the hotel — but was not a close emotional support. She is shown by the ♃, ruler of the IVth House (equal house), situated in the Vth but weak in the Sign ♎ and with effectively no strong aspects. The chief message she gave to S was hatred and rejection of her father.

S's original pregnancy which had caused her to have to leave school ended in a miscarriage, but in January 1977 she became pregnant again and had a son (illegitimate), born October 20, 1977. In 1978 she joined a magical group practicing ritual magic along sexual lines following the teachings of the occult master Aleister Crowley. It had been started and was led by a returned veteran of the Korean War and a very dynamic woman who was, so to speak, his 'right hand man'. Both had an encyclopedic knowledge of magical theory and technique. He himself had actually been castrated in a North Korean prisoner of war camp but he nevertheless encouraged his group to evoke and concentrate magical power by sexual means. S attended this group four times a week for four years and became an adept at ritual evocation. In January and February 1983 she stayed with me for five weeks with her young son (named after a South American communist guerrilla leader) and on two occasions she performed an occult ritual as a demonstration. The effect was quite extraordinary. She began with a simple ceremony known as the ritual of the Qabalistic Cross in which the angels governing the four cardinal quarters, Raphael in the East, Michael in the South, Gabriel in the West and Uriel in the North, are visualized and requested to protect the circle. As she turned slowly round, calling each one, the sensation was exactly like a light being switched on in each direction.

In 1987 S's father died. She had made contact with him once again after more than fifteen years of no contact about 18 months previously, despite her mother's opposition. He suffered badly from asthma and emphysema. She then opened a kind of health shop which was also a New Age advice center in collaboration with an astrologer, a reflexologist and some others, all women. But in 1991-92 she suddenly became a Jehovah's Witness after having allowed the Witnesses to come round and talk to her regularly over a period of several months. All her occult work was put aside. In 1992 she married. I have her marriage photograph. It shows her son, still only 15 but over six foot tall. He acted as best man. She has remained steadily with the Jehovah's Witnesses.

Why?

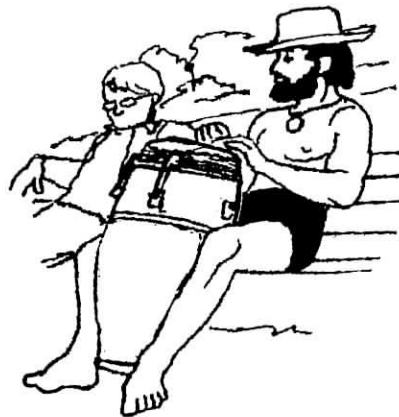
Firstly, we must take notice of the fact that in Figure 3 there are not simply two separate, almost equally strong, concentrations of planetary power focused respectively upon ♃ and ♎, as in J's case, but an open

conflict between them revealed by their exact square. Moreover the chart has an tremendous accent upon violence reiterated throughout the whole of it. Everything intimate in the life is conflicted and drawn into the public arena to be exposed to, or perhaps even to seek, violent excitement and upheaval. Look at it! The Ascendant ruler $\sigma \square \mathbb{P}$, ruler of the VIIIth. The Descendant ruler $\varphi \square \mathfrak{h}$, ruler of the Xth, who is in the VIIIth. The ruler of the Midheaven is $\mathfrak{K}$ (note once again the MC link with $\mathfrak{K}$ in an occult chart) and he is on the IC $\square \Psi$ in the VIIth. The IC ruler is the $\odot$ on the XIIth cusp $\rho \mathfrak{y}$ at the VIth cusp. Where is there peace in this chart?

Note, however, that everything in the chart is disposed of by a tell-tale triangle consisting of the $\odot$ in Ψ 's Sign, Ψ in $\mathbb{P}$'s Sign and $\mathbb{P}$ in the $\odot$'s Sign. This means that there is an intimate connection between Ψ and $\mathbb{P}$, producing just that same fanatical intensification of spiritual impulses and beliefs that we have already encountered in the charts of M and J. Moreover it is associated with S's most heartfelt spiritual aspirations ($\odot$ on cusp XII). This too is reminiscent of M's chart where there is an exact $\odot \sigma \mathbb{P}$ in the XIth whose power Ψ can tap. But here Ψ is less able to stand apart and simply manipulate what is going on. $\mathfrak{K}$ is attacking him all the time. Actually Ψ has been intimately involved with S's occult life all the time, in a very characteristic way, through drugs. S has experimented with all the drugs the drug culture has produced and they have also been periodically used, along with sex and rhythmic drumming, in her magic ritual work. But $\mathfrak{K}$ does not figure in the ultimate triangle of dispositorships, so Ψ has the ultimate edge.

Violence breeds excitement and this can be very attractive during youth. S told me she realized she had experienced a strange pleasure while being held down during her school-age rape. Her later participation in the sex magic group was entirely voluntary though it involved compulsory nudity and ritual sex in the presence of all the other participants, flouting all normally accepted conventions regarding intimacy. Love in the gentle sense was curiously missing from S's life. Its place was taken by a passionate search for something which must always be intense — the $\mathbb{P}$ urge par excellence.

But one can't always live on a diet of violence. φ is $\sigma \varphi$ in $\mathfrak{H}$ in the XIth so all the time S was really seeking a meaning in it all,



knowing instinctively it had to be in friendships and relationships despite that inhibiting square from ♃. ♀ too is explicitly in the House of relationships. Despite the square from IVth House ♄ which had broken up her childhood home.⁶ S never ceased to dream of an ideal relationship.

S has embraced Christianity to find peace. What if it is a flight from reality? Reality has been altogether too tempestuous and violent in her life. The Jehovah's Witnesses acknowledge it but say that Armageddon, the greatest battle of all time, is coming and that Jehovah will win it. For a soul which has never experienced true love, a soul for whom all love has turned into violence or become same-sex love and change of sex or sex to raise power for magical purposes, it may be reassuring to be able to say:

Jesus loves me, that I know
'Cos the Bible tells me so.

As usual the directions and transits flesh out the picture. Unfortunately I cannot deal here with those operating throughout S's whole life, interesting though they are. We can only consider the indications applying to the recent conversion and marriage. Progressed ☉ and ♀ have been within orbs of a conjunction with each other ever since 1987 when the contact was exact at 24°16' ♈, only a degree from the natal Ascendant. They both conjoined it during 1988 when yearning for love must have been intense. Since then they have been consummating an opposition to ♄ in the VIIth. ♄ has retrograded a degree during the life and ♀ opposed his progressed position in June 1993. The ☉ did the same in December 1994. ♀ has already passed the ♄ to natal ♄ in May 1994 and the ☉ will do so in November 1995. Since ♀ has come from the XIth House and the ☉ from the XIIth cusp and ♄ is in the VIIth these are just the sort of aspects under which a conversion followed hard on its heels by a marriage might be expected. Will the marriage survive a commencement under ☉-♀ ♄ ♄? Why not? ♀ rules the VIIth, ♄ is in the VIIth and an ♄ is a marriage aspect. It is as real a marriage as S will ever experience — the real McCoy as far as this chart is concerned. So is the conversion. [But of course you can never trust ♄.]

Direct transits have not been so significant. ☌, ♄ and ♄ have not conjoined or opposed bodies or angles in the chart over the period under examination. ♃, however, has been moving over the ♄ planets in the XIth

⁶ The well-known association of ♄ ☌ ♄ with homosexuality was not only fulfilled in S's life through her father. She has three brothers and a foster brother. Of these four, three are homosexual, including the foster child, and one of them has made the journey to Sydney, Australia, for a sex-change operation.

during 1995 and is stationary σ the $\odot$ as I write (July 1995). There will be some depression or frustration, but I think S will cope. She has had the square from ♄ to ♀ - ♁ to cope with all her life. It interests me more to note that ♄ conjoined the MC and opposed ♁ in 1991, the year in which her conversion away from occultism began.

By reversed transit ♁ was ♁ ♄ in 1992-93. One wonders whether S's marriage may not represent at some level a psychological revolt against her mother and all the memory of her childhood home life, cut off from her father (♄ rules the IVth House (equal house), ♁ is natally in the IVth and ♄ in the Vth).

In 1997 by reversed transit ♁ will be σ ♁ . And then in 1998-99 he will be ♁ ♁ by direct transit when he has finally left ♄ . Under these contacts one may expect that all the promise of their natal square will be fully worked out in S's life during the final years of this century. I think her religious commitment will intensify. I doubt that she is going to achieve a peaceful life but what lies ahead will probably be a complete Neptunian reversal of everything which characterized her former life.

E IS A rather tragic case.

In contrast to the preceding case E only had a passing interest in matters esoteric. I met her late in 1991 at a psycho-social rehabilitation center here in Cape Town for people who had been in psychiatric hospital. I had been in hospital myself in 1990 and 1991 for major depression. In 1985 she too had been hospitalized at the same hospital, initially for six months and then again later for a shorter period, though her illness was different. She was a medical student and had progressed successfully as far as her fourth year but then suddenly she suffered a breakdown and was admitted to hospital with severe psychosis. The condition was diagnosed as schizophrenia. She was stabilized and the psychosis was overcome by means of the drug Fluanxol, one of a group of drugs known as the phenothiazines which have revolutionized the treatment of schizophrenia over the past forty years and enabled thousands of patients who would formerly have had to remain permanently in an institution to be discharged. However, it meant the end of E's medical studies. The drug itself has side effects and her concentration was affected. She requires a monthly injection as well as regular monitoring by a doctor at the psychiatric hospital.

Fortunately she has a second string to her bow in the shape of considerable artistic ability as a potter and her family are sufficiently well-off to support her and to have



been able to provide a kiln for her to work. She makes pottery mainly to occupy her time but also to earn a small amount of spare cash.

When I met her she was revisiting Cape Town from Durban where her parents live. On the whole she was reconciled to her changed life prospects. However, she was half wondering if she could somehow come to live and work and support herself by means of pottery in Cape Town since one of the side effects of her illness that she found hardest to bear was loss of independence and also respect from her family — particularly from her father. While she was a medical student her judgment was respected and the family sought her opinions on family matters as well as on many other down-to-earth practical issues. Now she felt she was treated as a totally helpless, dependent child again. Her father overruled her in everything.

E was interested in my interest in and involvement with astrology and other esoteric subjects and I cast a chart for her in January 1992. We went together to visit other patients who were still in hospital — some of them long-term patients who had been there since her stay there in 1985 and even longer — and I talked about her chart to her. Then she returned to Durban. I was sad when she wrote later the same year to say she had joined a Born-Again Christian church and become converted. She began to write me letters warning me of my sins and the demonic nature of astrology.

The matter didn't end there, however. It so happened that two other friends of mine were transferred to Durban in the middle of 1992. This was a loss to me but I thought it might conceivably benefit E. Both of these friends were Rosicrucians and the wife is a qualified nursing sister. Her specialized work is with premature babies in an intensive care unit but she has also had training in psychiatric nursing. I put E into touch with them and they with her.

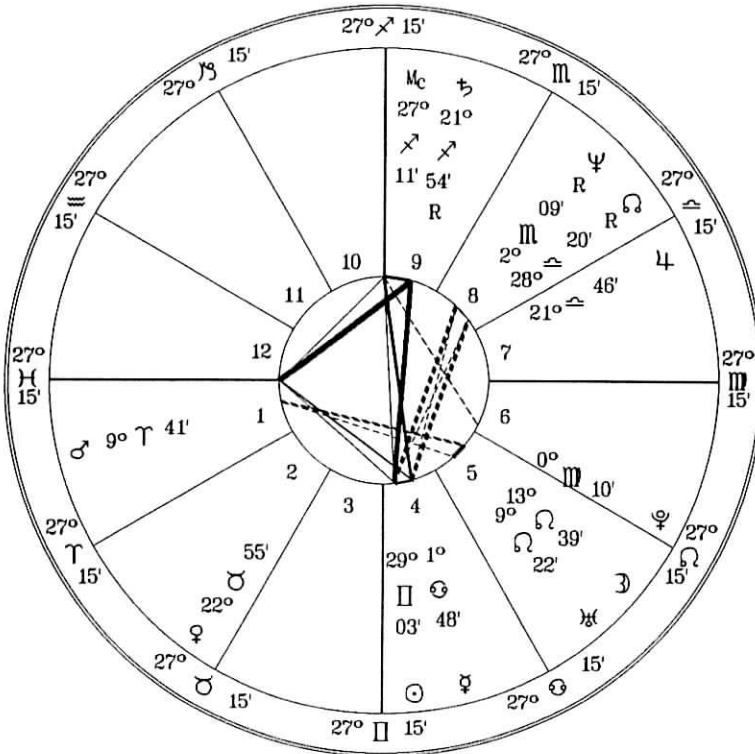
Initially it seemed to be a very positive move. E and my nursing sister friend (I will call her D) liked each other immediately. D wrote me that she felt E had 'bonded' with them. E was going to make pottery for a charity scheme of D's. But then things began to go wrong, and eventually they went very wrong.

E was persuaded by persuasive members of the sect she had joined to stop taking her medication. They told her she should know she had been saved and that she must show her faith by claiming her healing. The (predictable) result was that after 2½ months she had another serious breakdown. She then partially returned to treatment, but under protest. Meanwhile she became more and more demanding of D. She would phone her at all hours of the night insisting on being allowed to come over and see her, or asking to be visited. She said that D was her therapist and healer and that she must be perpetually available to her as her chosen friend (E has a lesbian streak). Yet at the same time she would judge and

Fig. 4:

E. a Born-Again Christian

Female, born 10:01 p.m. GMT, June 20, 1958
Kempton Park, South Africa: 26S06, 28E14



condemn all of D's esoteric interests as of the Devil, saying she was in league with evil and had cast a spell on her. Truly one could say that the psychosis of schizophrenia and the psychosis of Born-Again Christianity were interacting with one another and mutually reinforcing each other.

D became totally exhausted by it and eventually had to break off all contact. She wrote to me a long letter detailing the whole scenario (E had long since ceased to write to me). Previously she, D, had been considering studying psychiatry again with the aim of possibly switching to full-time psychotherapy as an alternative to nursing but she said that the encounter with E had scared her stiff. It was no doubt fortunate that in late 1993 her husband was transferred to the Johannesburg head office of his firm and she left Durban with him. She took a complete rest for a while and then returned to intensive care nursing.

E's chart is instructive, see Figure 4. At first sight it might well appear to be an ideal chart for an aspiring woman doctor. Abundant energy and self-assertiveness is shown by ♂ in ♈ in the 1st House, △ ♃ and ♁ in the

Vth. The ascending Sign is ♈, ruled by ♀, not *prima facie* an indication of a doctor, but ♀ is in ♍ in the VIIIth House, *the* medical indication par excellence. Moreover ♀ is very closely * ♄, the ruler of ♍, in the Vth House, another medical House. And both of them are linked in close Fan formation to ☿ and the ☾ in the IVth House suggesting good mental abilities; ♀ is △ ☾-☿ and ♄ sextiles both ends of the trine. There are no obviously difficult aspects to spoil the picture apart from a very weak □ of ♄ in the Vth to ♀, over 7° from exactness, right at the limit of orbs, and an equally weak □ of ☿ in the IInd to ". Why did things go wrong?

The answer is ☿, the most exalted planet in the chart, just over 5° from the Midheaven. He is ♄ ♄ in the VIth, the House of health. That is crucial. Astrologers who ignore parallels do so at their peril. ☿ on the Midheaven indicates a career reversal, and ♄ ♄ in the VIth brought it about through the eruption of a crippling illness.

One must also take note of ☿ ♄ in the Vth House and that ⊕ in the IInd House exactly squares the midpoint of their conjunction. This is relevant because the ☿ is the overall, general ruler of both bodily and mental health and ♄ ♄, though not technically an affliction, does indicate a tension in the inherited constitution. It can fracture under stress. And that is exactly what happens with schizophrenia. There are 'genetic markers' associated with the disease. It may never manifest during an entire lifetime, but if they are present stress may precipitate it. Presumably the stress of study did so in E's case, and the inevitable result was the sudden termination of her prospect of a fulfilling and well-paid job in the medical field (⊕ in IInd House). Note that ♄ rules the XIIth House, moreover. E found herself suddenly hospitalized.

It is fortunate for her that, with the ☿ both ruling the Vth and placed in the Vth in the creative Sign ♎, she is still able to be creative as a potter.

E's career reversal through illness is therefore fairly clearly accounted for. ♄ in the VIth (triggered by ☿) and ♄ ♄ are the two culprits. But why did she become a Born-Again Christian?

Once again look at ♀.

He is the chart ruler and, after ☿, he is the next most elevated planet in the chart. Moreover he is closely associated with ♄ once again, for he is in the VIIIth House, ♄'s natural House, and in ♄'s Sign, which by equal house is also the Sign on the cusp of the IXth, the House of Religion. He is quite definitely the strongest planet in the chart since he is not merely ruler but he also has that close Fan formation with ☾-☿ and ♄. With ♄ at the fulcrum of the Fan, however, fanaticism may well drive him off-balance. Together here, ♀ and ♄ constitute a formidable anti-intellectual force focused upon religion through ♍ on the IXth House cusp.

Quite possibly a picture similar to this is what we might see in thousands of Born-Again Christian charts where there was not previously a pronounced involvement in occultism, astrology or anything else from $\mathbb{K}$'s New Age. Ψ simply dominates by being very strong and very closely associated with $\mathbb{E}$. $\mathbb{K}$ is not weak. He is $\sigma \mathbb{D}$ and $\Delta \sigma$ in the Ist. But σ does not rule the Ascendant; Ψ does. And $\mathbb{K}$ is not strong by Sign or House. He is in detriment in Ω and is in the natural House of Ω . In a sense he is irrelevant here. Had E been able to succeed in her medical career he could have fitted into the picture through scientific medicine but that was knocked for six by $\mathfrak{h} \mathbb{K} \mathbb{E}$ in the VIth. [$\mathbb{K}$ may too have been partly responsible for the illness by giving E that hereditary vulnerability to it.] So the Ψ - $\mathbb{E}$ religious aberration came out on top. A sad case.

Note that Ψ promised a cure through religion but it didn't come off. Despite his power to produce occasional miracles, like Fatima, and the undeniable fact that spiritual healings, like Spiritualist materializations, do sometimes occur, in the vast majority of cases Ψ does not work directly on the material plane. Anyone who has been to a Pentecostal church and had the embarrassing and disturbing experience of hearing the whole congregation 'speaking in tongues', quite incomprehensibly, like a vast flock of sheep, will admit his power to induce delusion, but his healings almost invariably prove to be dangerously delusory, as Born-Again Christianity itself also certainly is. In the past spiritual healing may well have been the best or even the only healing available. Today it is safer to rely on modern medicine.



Among the directions in force over the period in question regressions seem to provide a fuller and clearer picture of what occurred than do the progressions.

In 1985 regressed $\mathfrak{F}$ was exactly $\square \mathbb{K}$ in November, clearly a highly appropriate aspect for a schizophrenic breakdown.⁷ Regressed $\mathfrak{F}$ was $\mathfrak{F} \mathfrak{U}$ in February, also a significant aspect since $\mathfrak{F}$ comes from the IIIrd House of the Mind, of which she is the ruler. But it is revelatory in another way since $\mathfrak{U}$ is natally in the VIIth, close to cusp VIII. It is very possible that E's psychiatric problems are also linked to emotional and/or sexual ones. I

⁷ Note that progressions of $\mathfrak{F}$ color a period extending six or more months before and after exactness depending upon the planet's speed at the time.

have already mentioned her lesbian streak and the crisis that developed with D after her 'conversion' and second psychotic breakdown. In addition one must recognize that E's $\mathcal{D} \propto \mathcal{K}$ in the Vth is relevant to her prospects of having, or her ability to have, children. It is very unlikely now that E will ever have children, or even marry. Husbands are wary of schizophrenic, potentially psychotic, women. Yet only ten years ago before her first breakdown, while she was an aspiring doctor, she was very eligible indeed. Regressed ♀ $\propto$ the VIIth House $\mathcal{V}$ in her breakdown year is therefore all too tragically appropriate.

In 1992, the year of her religious conversion and meeting with D, regressed ♀ was $\Delta \mathcal{D}$ in the Vth. Initially the two women bonded strongly. However, regressed ♀ in $\mathcal{O}$ had been $\propto \Psi$ in the VIIIth the previous year and her intensely possessive, psychotic, emotional demands seem a carry-over from that aspect.

By progression there are no notable aspects for 1985, but in March 1992 σ was exactly $\propto \Psi$ and in March 1993 there was $\odot \square \Psi$. These aspects correlate well with her second experience of breakdown (σ), and the intensity of her attachment to D (progressed $\odot$ in the Vth House).

In many ways the transits are even more descriptive than are the directions.

In 1985 $\mathcal{E}$, coming from the VIth, was stationary $\propto \Psi$ in the VIIIth from May to mid-September. Ψ in turn was $\propto \mathcal{F}$ throughout January and from June till December. The illness was like an eruption, $\mathcal{E}$, which disturbed E's whole sense of reality, Ψ . Moreover, $\mathcal{F}$ rules her natal IC and, as a result of her illness, E eventually had to return home.

In 1986, the following year, $\mathcal{K}$ was $\propto \mathcal{H}$ from February to May and again from mid-November through December. This was the year in which it was finally decided that there could be no return to the medical school. From now on E's permanent life pattern would be one of regular, periodic, hospital supervision. [$\mathcal{K}$ rules her XIIth House.]

By reversed transit Ψ was approaching $\propto \mathcal{E}$. He reached it in June 1986 and formed a long conjunction with it in 1987. One might say E's divorce from conventional reality became her new stabilized way of life during these years. Her later religious conversion would be based on this foundation.

In the latter half of 1992 by direct transit " was $\propto \mathcal{F}$, natively on cusp III and the IIIrd House ruler, and the aspect was also in force from end-May to early October 1993. This was the time when E's religious conversion took place and was complicated by her association with D, with its lesbian overtones. E was periodically psychotic throughout the whole period. $\mathcal{H} \propto$ the Vth House $\mathcal{D}$, in force first in March 1992 and then from August to October the same year, is also appropriate both to her psycho-

sis and to the frustrated emotional attachment.

By reversed transit ♄ was gradually approaching ♄ ♀, though he did not actually fully reach the aspect till 1994. However, ♄ was ♄ ♄, both in February and March and also in September and October 1992, another eloquent testimony to the general frustration E must have experienced that year. To try to escape it she embraced Born-Again Christianity and ceased to take her medication. That led to psychotic breakdown again. Then D seemed to be another savior and way of escape, but that relationship too ended in rejection when D, to save her own sanity, eventually had to extricate herself and shut the door.

THE CHART OF MEL, my fifth Born-Again Christian, has some curious similarities to that of E. Mel too is a ♀, ♄ rises again, and ♄ is again the most elevated planet in a Fan formation with ♀ at the fulcrum near the VIth House cusp. See Figure 5. However, the planet ♄ in the Fan in this case is ♄, close to the IC, instead of ♄. Nevertheless ♄ is still ♄ ♀, though he is outside the Fan since he is not in aspect with ♀ or ♄.

Mel first came to see me in May 1980 for a Tarot-Astrology consultation. In those days I still had a full-time orchestra job so it wasn't necessary to charge, though I usually invited donations from complete strangers. She had heard of me from a friend of a friend. She gave me a lift to someone I wanted to visit after the interview and began coming to see me quite regularly in the months and years that followed.

For Mel, going to fortune tellers was her addiction. As soon as she heard of a new one she was there. I lent her a small book I had, I think it was *Napoleon's Book of Fate*, which was a sort of numerical oracle. You could look up anything you wanted in it if it could be related in any way to a list of stock questions on love, money, fried fish, or whatever. One just entered the oracle by thinking of a number or making random scratches on a piece of paper. She consulted it every day — sometimes several times a day. When I went to Britain in 1983-85 the regular phone calls had to cease but she kept in touch by letter. Then, not long after I returned, she transferred from Cape Town to Johannesburg. She worked as continuity girl for a film company making commercials — definitely a job for a ♀ who is absolutely on the *qui vive* since she had to know everybody's part

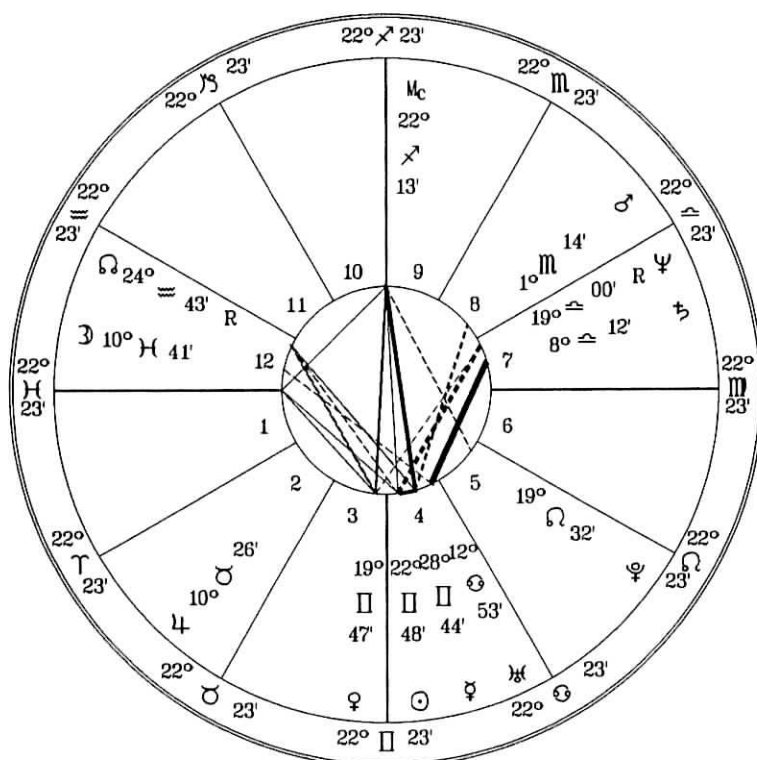


Figure 5:

Mel

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and be able to call exactly where and when they had to come in. I enjoyed hearing Mel's voice on the telephone from Johannesburg almost regularly, about once a fortnight. She had bought herself a deck of Tarot cards which she would shuffle and lay out, under my direction, telling me what they were, so that I could give her a long-distance reading. It would frequently take up to an hour so her telephone bill must have been heavy.

It was a craving.

But all addictions are cravings; what exactly are they cravings for?

Mel undoubtedly wanted attention, like so many people do who become addicted to psychotherapy. [The modern breed of 'psychological astrologer' has really cottoned onto that. Almost every other author of an article in the more popular astrological magazines today has a little biographical note at the end saying he or she is a practicing psychotherapist, usually with a Jungian emphasis.] But underneath it all Mel was really craving for a sense of meaning and direction. What was her life really all about?

Remember M, with $\mathbb{P}$ conjoined with the $\odot$? She wanted something too — something to which she could cleave, heart and soul. It didn't seem to be quite as intense as that with Mel, but maybe it wasn't so very far different either. It was fun, but it was serious too. The compulsive, desperate way she went from fortune teller to fortune teller expressed an inner emptiness. It was a giving-into an addiction in the same way that a nicotine or alcohol addict gives into the craving to smoke or drink because inside there is a big hole screaming to be filled. Mel was really sending a heart-rending request to each new seer — as well as to all those she visited regularly — subconsciously saying “tell me, tell me, what is my life all about?” It was a weaker stance or approach than that of either M or E. M did not seek personal fortune tellers but a guru to indicate a worthwhile way of life. Christ has become her ultimate guru. E believed she had found a way back to health and strength by being ‘born again’. Mel didn't know what she wanted. All that was obvious was that something was missing. Without it she was like a weathercock, blown this way and that.⁸

Her conversion took longer than most of the other cases except for that of J. However, J's spiritual progress was a smooth and gradual transition; Mel's was a long drawn-out agony. She actually felt she was being grasped and compelled by God — drawn into something alien, to all intents and purposes against her own free will, yet all the time being forced to acknowledge its truth and validity for her. In 1986 she told me how she had been on a railway station in suburban Johannesburg, arguing with God. She walked up and down the platform, pushing her way through the throng of people, muttering desperately to herself, even as some of them looked curiously at her, saying audibly, “what the fucking hell are you doing to me?” [That is Mel all over; it is what makes her such an endearing personality.]

When the transformation was completed by late 1987, however, it was as total and irreversible as in all the other cases. She wrote and told me it was final and also spoke on the phone. I said something about a ♄ aspect. “No — there's no more Saturn,” she said. She had a friend in Johannesburg who possessed a very old set of Tarot cards, over 150 years old. She prevailed on her to abjure Satan and destroy them. Together they drove all over the city, going from one rubbish receptacle to another, depositing one torn up Tarot card in each box. Even she confessed to me when she told me about it that it was “sad in a way.”

She joined an extremist multi-racial church which had political overtones or undertones at a time when it was still hazardous to do this in South Africa. She told me how on one occasion she was kneeling to take communion beside a very dirty man who smelt strongly. She had to take

⁸ ♀ in Π is the ultimate dispositor of everything else in her chart.

the communion cup after him and realized she was fighting feelings of revulsion and fear for her own health. When she actually did take it, however, a sense of total joy and bliss enveloped her.

As I have said, Mel did not by nature have the sense that there was a destined mission in life for her, as M did. Nor did she have the drive and strength of E. Her ☉ is not conjoined with ♀ and she has no ♂ rising in ♎. Her 1st House is empty and her ☽ is in ♋ in the XIIth. Nevertheless, as one would expect of someone with ☉ in ♌ and ♀ in ♌ as ultimate dispositor of all else in the chart, she always comes across as pretty bright. One always had the feeling that Mel could do anything if she could only know what it was she wanted to do. During the three years that I initially knew her in Cape Town from 1980 to 1983 she had twelve different jobs. The longest lasting was with the Cape Town branch of Oxford University Press where she had to read the new books that were being published and write the blurb that would be printed on their covers. Her change-over to film work came almost by accident. She was friendly with some of the local film people and had worked occasionally as a walk-on extra. One day she heard them saying the continuity girl had left and that they had to find another quickly. She heard her own voice say, "I could do that for you." She was terrified afterwards at what she had done for they took her up on it. But she did it — and well.

As one might probably also expect from a chart where ♀ is at one end of an exact fan with ♀ and ♀ while ♂ is in ♌ in the VIIIth House, Mel was no sluggard sexually. You could call her amoral. She was not immoral because conventional morality never figured in her reasoning at all. She had a long liaison with a colored man (the then official classification) at a time when such relationships were forbidden by law and infringements were punishable quite severely.

Why did she become one of ♀'s shock troops? Because once again he is the ruler of the chart and the most elevated planet in a fan with ♀ and ☉-♀. He is not actually in ♀'s House, the VIIIth, as he was in E's case, but he is in the VIIth only three degrees from the VIIIth cusp and ♀, to whom he is exactly trine, is the VIIIth House ruler. ♂ is in the VIIIth, in ♀'s Sign. The ☽ is in ♋, ♀'s Sign, in the XIIth House, ♀'s House, and she has a strong parallel to ♀.

♂ is at the fulcrum of the fan formation and he makes a series of parallels which strengthen it. He is parallel to both the ☉ and ♀ and also to the MC-IC axis, at the foot of which they are situated with parallels of their own to it. Clearly once Mel did become truly involved she would be likely to become more and more fanatically involved with it.

Interestingly enough ♄ also has links by parallel with the ☉, ♀ and ♀ and the MC-IC axis. It almost looks as if he too would have liked to be

able to get in on the same bandwagon. No doubt Mel's former fascination with fortune tellers and addiction to them reflected this aspect of her astrological make-up. ♄ is also trine to the ♃ in the XIIth, though square to ♃ in the VIIth (Mel has never married). However, he is not actually on the MC-IC axis, as is so common in a truly occult chart, nor is he actually in the fan formation dominated by ♄. He and ♄ are weakly in square. As always in these Born-Again Christian charts, ♄ is the stronger of the two and more closely involved with ♃.

The progressions and transits clearly spell out the way everything developed.

The crucial years of conversion were 1986-87, particularly 1986, but significant preparatory directions had been occurring during the two years before these, i.e. in 1984-85. Progressed ♄ returned to his own natal place in 1984-85 and by regression he closed his natal * to ♃ in early 1985. Progressed ♀, the chart's ultimate dispositor, similarly conjoined natal ♃ in December 1983 and progressed ♃ in September 1984. Conditions were therefore ripe for a deep probing change. It occurred in 1986. During the whole of that year the regressed ☉ was within one degree of ☐ natal ♃. The aspect was exact in February 1987, followed by the same contact with regressed ♃ in August of that year. Regressed MC also squared ♃ in May 1987. [Mel's birthtime is likely to be exact as her mother insists she only just scraped into the 14th of June.]

The transits add more revelatory detail. During 1984 and 1985 direct ♃ was ♂ ♂ in ♍ in the VIIIth. These were the agony years for Mel while pressure was building up. She told me she felt I had deserted her by going to Edinburgh. I was a kind of psychotherapeutic or confessional figure. Then, from late 1986 through till late 1988, ♃ was ♀ ♀, natively in her IIInd House and the ruler of her Midheaven. In the throes of her conversion she gave up her film work and went through a period of financial crisis and stringency.

Significantly, ♄ was also in on the act for he formed a conjunction with the Midheaven and oppositions to ♀ and the ☉ in 1986 and 1987. He might well have disrupted everything. But by an extraordinary coincidence the effect of these aspects seems to have been suppressed and smothered because ♃ formed exactly the same contacts in 1987 and was also ♀ ♀ in 1988 during exactly the same months that ♄ was doing just this. The effects that Mel experienced were not pleasant, naturally. It was heavy. She felt she was a battle ground. But ♄ couldn't upset the applecart, even though he and ♃ together intensified the leanness of these years.

Reversed transits were not particularly significant during the whole critical period, 1984-87. Neither ♃ nor ♄ made any major contacts during

1984, 85 or 86. In 1987, however, ♀ first briefly conjoined ♄ in August and over the next four years he repeatedly formed this aspect, i.e., until early 1991. Obviously an inner struggle was still going on. However, over most of the same period ♀ was ♄ natal ♀, so Mel's commitment to her Christian calling steadily consolidated itself.

That the years from 1984 to 1988 were the significant ones as far as Mel's inner change was concerned is confirmed by the fact that since then direct transiting ♀ has formed no major contacts. But this does not mean that she has lived peacefully and serenely ever after. I doubt if Mel's life will ever be like that. ♀ was ♄ ♄ in 1989 and 1990 — putting his finger to his nose, so to speak. ♄ opposed his own natal place in 1991-92. There have also been a few ups-and-downs directions. The regressed Ascendant was ♄ ♀ in March 1990, for instance, and in October of the same year regressed ♀ was ♄ regressed ♀, going on to be ♄ ♀'s natal place in May 1991. Regressed ♀ was ♄ natal ♄ in December 1991 and in October 1992 progressed ☾ was ☐ ♄. I think that Mel has problems reconciling the fact of her own insistently demanding sexual make-up with her Christian beliefs about how things ought to be. She experiences a sort of 'guilt trip'.

I lost contact with her through 1988 and 1989. In May-June 1990 I was in Johannesburg and I tried to contact her, without success. Then she came on a brief visit to Cape Town in July. I was about to be admitted to hospital and she said she would write to me once a week. However, no letters came. I never saw her again till January 1995 when I managed to track her down while on a brief visit to Johannesburg. She has unofficially adopted a little African girl, now three years old. And she is still resolutely Christian. There has been no backsliding, despite the fact that her own background is Jewish.

Y IS THE only male in this series and his is a problem chart for more reasons than just that.

Y is a staff worker at the same psycho-social rehabilitation center at which I first met E. He joined the staff in April 1993, having completed a BA degree majoring in Psychology at the University of Port Elizabeth eighteen months previously. His post in the rehabilitation center was to be in the clerical section, training ex-mental patients to cope with clerical work with a view to future employment, but his own chief interest and forte in his psychology course had been in the statistical part of it so he now oversees a statistical research project, working with patient members under his supervision. It is a study of patients with different problems and the type of work they are capable of doing. The results are to be made available to similar institutions world-wide.

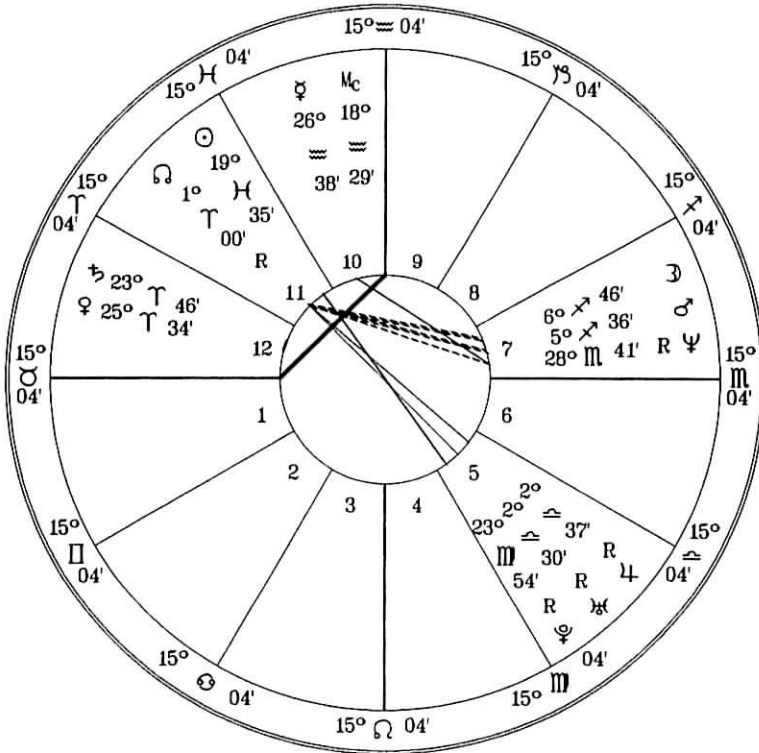
He was already a Born-Again Christian at the time that he joined the

Figure 6:

Y — Born-Again Christian, male.

10:20 a.m. LMT suggested time, March 10, 1969

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Center. I asked him when he had become a Christian and he replied that he had asked Christ to come into his heart when he was eleven years of age. I queried whether he had ever had any doubts or crises since then and he acknowledged that there had been a crisis while he was at the university. There were unresolved issues and these had led to depression. However, he had seen an understanding psychiatrist who prescribed an anti-depressant medication which he took for some time. In the final year of his studies he had realized he didn't need it any more and since then he had coped without it.

This case therefore differs from the others in that there was no previous occult or esoteric interest which was rejected at the time of conversion. There was, however, the crisis in 1989-90. In addition, Y was not entirely happy with the Cape Town branch of the sect he belonged to. For a few weeks, a month or two after his arrival, it almost seemed he had

broken away from it. He said he resented being told all the things he couldn't do and being criticized if he missed a service. It was during this time that I learned he was a Piscean. He later even said he would ask his mother for his birth time. However, he returned to the fold and has remained with them ever since, with the consequence that he told me politely that he felt he shouldn't go any further into his astrological profile. as a result I only know the date and place of his birth for certain.

A chart cast for noon shows the typical splay-type shape characteristic of a slightly prickly, non-conformist character, with the planets concentrated in three quite distinct bundles. Relevant to the purpose of this present study, however, is the double-Yod figure in it that involves quincunxes between ♃, ♀ and ♄ on the one hand and ♄, ♄ and ♀ on the other. ♄ is the 'finger' of one Yod, ♀ that of the other. Thus once again we have ♄ and ♄, here sextile to one another, allied and involved in a big linkage comprised of (or compromising!) a number of other planets.

It is very difficult to do much more than this without a birth time so I am including a chart (at Figure 6) for a time which I consider plausible. I unconditionally grant that this has no evidential value whatever from a scientific research standpoint. However, having said that I now proceed to cite the reasons which led me to decide to work with it, provisionally at least.

To begin with, Y has the usual solid ♂ build. But ♂ is here combined with ☾ ♀ and ♄ ♂ in ♄ and this is appropriately reflected in an active interest in sports like swimming and fishing and an intense concern to keep himself as fit as possible. But there is also another compelling reason for this emphasis on physical fitness; Y suffers from a potentially crippling disease which is at present in remission but which could advance again if he ceases to remain fit and active. ♀, the Ascendant ruler and ruler of the VIth House of this chart, falls here in the XIIth House ♂ ♄ which could well indicate a condition like this.



There is also the fact that Y has suffered from depression, and this was to some degree related to his illness. Depression could well be indicated by ♄ ♂ the chart ruler in the XIIth House. And what of his decision to work in an institution dedicated to assisting people who have suffered from a mental illness? That too is appropriate to such a configuration. The majority of the patient members of the rehabilitation center are schizophrenics whose condition has been stabilized sufficiently by means of phenothiazine drugs for them to be able to be discharged from hospital and live in the community but who need warmly supportive interest, care

and encouragement to prevent a relapse.

The chart may also be regarded as having the locomotive-type shaping according to Marc Edmund Jones's classification. In that case $\mathbb{P}$ is the leading planet of the locomotive, giving him a special emphasis and importance, and this becomes doubly significant if the middle of $\mathcal{O}$ ascends since $\mathcal{Q}$, in the Yod figure of which $\mathbb{P}$ is the 'finger', then becomes the most elevated planet in the chart, 8° from the Midheaven. $\mathbb{P}$ seems to be in some ways stronger and more emphasized than Ψ in this chart, almost suggesting that in this instance he sought out Ψ as his ally rather than vice versa.

What of the IXth House?

Some readers may have been wondering why I haven't mentioned this House before in all my discussion of these Born-Again Christian charts. Isn't the IXth House the primary indicator in any matter to do with religion? I rather suspect not, where born-againers are concerned. My belief is that in this syndrome religion per se in the sense of deep philosophical thought about spiritual matters is not the main issue. The cardinal feature of it is emotional commitment to unquestioning faith. But let us look at the IXth Houses in all the charts so far examined, and also in the present case. It is quite an instructive exercise.

In M's case (see Figure 1) the IXth House is empty but its ruler is $\mathcal{Q}$ who is $\sigma \Psi$ in the XIIth — entirely what one would expect in a case where spiritual searching has ended in feeling and faith instead of thought.

In the case of J (see Figure 2), however, the IXth House ruler is the $\odot$ who is $\rho \mathcal{V}$ in the equal-house IVth. $\mathcal{Q}$ and $\mathcal{K}$ are in the IXth House, with $\mathcal{K} \sigma$ the MC, frequently an indicator of someone with strong occult interests, which J did originally have. It is interesting therefore that her final move from the fairly liberal and unorthodox Society of Friends into the Born-Again fold was to a considerable extent due to the influence of a man friend whom she eventually married — $\mathcal{V}$ rules her $\nearrow$ Ascendant and the $\odot$ is in $\simeq$ in the Xth House, so it was very much something related to her own personal search for security and status.

In S's case (see Figure 3) the IXth is empty but $\mathcal{V}$ rules it, and is $\rho \odot$ again as with J, but here the $\odot$ is on Cusp XII. I do not think there is likely to be a move away from the Born-Again fold in this case, therefore, whereas with J having $\mathcal{K}$ so strong on the MC one cannot help but wonder if something like a divorce could trigger a break.

In the case of E (see Figure 4) $\mathcal{V}$ is in the IXth near the MC, and $\mathbb{P}$ rules the House. Since $\mathbb{P}$ is so strongly involved with Ψ in the Fan formation in this chart I think this is another case where there will be no defec-tion.

And with Mel too (see Figure 5) ♀ again rules the IXth House and her ⊕ is in the House. She was really searching for meaning in her life and since she has at last discovered that the true meaning for her is religious meaning it would be very surprising if she ever defected again.

If the ♂ Ascendant is correct for Y, the same pattern will hold true for him. He has the ⊕ in the IXth, like Mel (this will be true whatever Sign is rising; only the Sign in which it is placed will vary), but its ruler ♄ is in the XIIth, with ♀, and thus involved with ♀ in the chart's double Yod figure.

It thus appears that the IXth House may not be quite irrelevant to the religious development even of Born-Again Christians. However, when it is relevant, in a true Born-Again case it leads us almost inexorably either to the XIIth House or to ♄ or to a strong configuration involving ♄. When it doesn't, as in J's case, perhaps one should wonder just how complete and final the commitment really is. Nevertheless even there we must not forget how strong ♄ is in her chart in a general sense.

The final test of Y's chart must of course lie with the directions and transits. Do they reveal a pattern similar to that manifested in the five previous charts over the period when conversion occurred? This is the one case out of my six where commitment did not occur after a previous occult phase — that is, as a final success for ♄ in a struggle with ♄. Perhaps it is more typical of what happens with Born-Again Christians in general than my other cases are. I mentioned this as a possible problem at the outset of this whole discussion. Just how generic are my cases? However, all born againers do speak of a crucial period of time during which commitment occurred, for one reason or another. For this reason I will not look at what happened to Y when he was eleven years old as that could have occurred with any sensitive pre-pubertal child at about that age. Instead, I will consider the crisis he mentioned during his university years.

With an uncertain birth time the picture is naturally less conclusive than I would prefer. Even so, everything seems to have happened during the 2¼ years while the regressed ♄ was passing through the Sign ♏. If the birth time of 10:20 a.m. that I favor is correct this lasted between July 1988 and September 1990. Depending on whether the true birth occurred earlier or later, this period could have begun and ended up to six months earlier or later. Whatever the true dates were, during the ♄'s stay in ♏ regressed ♄ returned exactly to his own natal place. The ephemeris shows him there in 1988 and 1989, whatever the time of birth. Now Mel's chart had a similar return, by the progressed ♄ in her case, during 1984 and 1985, the years when her soul-searching was at its height. I regard this return as a symbol of ♄ asserting the fullness of his natal promise of power.

Also in 1988, progressed ♀ was Δ both the progressed and natal ♀. This is significant anyway, but particularly so if ♀ is natively near the Mid-heaven as it is in the ♄ -ascending chart. In late 1989 regressed ♂ came to the parallel of both regressed and natal ♀. Again this is significant anyway, but in the ♄ -ascending chart ♂ is the ruler of the XIIth House. Then, in January 1990, the regressed $\odot$ squared natal and progressed ♀. This was the period when his spiritual crisis and depression led Y to seek psychiatric help.

It is interesting that progressed ♀, natively in the XIIth House in the ♄ -rising chart, formed a quincunx first to natal ♁ in May 1989 and then to progressed ♁ in June 1990. No doubt some of the unresolved issues which Y said were troubling him at that time were connected with emotional and sexual matters and the problem of how to reconcile these with his Christian beliefs. ♀ is natively in ♄ .

It now seems to me highly significant and directly confirmatory of my general thesis that ♀ and ♁ are the prime movers behind the scenes in the whole Born-Again movement that there were no more directions formed by or to either of these planets for the next three years once Y's spiritual crisis was passed. Then, in the first half of 1993, the progressed $\odot$ formed a sesquiquadrate to natal and progressed ♀. This was the time when Y joined the staff at the rehabilitation center and briefly fell out of tune with the Christian group to which he belonged. However, in late 1993 regressed ♀ came to the parallel of regressed and natal ♀ and this was followed by sextiles of regressed ♂ (the possible XIIth House ruler) to regressed ♁ at the end of 1993 and natal ♁ at the start of 1994. Y then settled down securely into the fold again.

In view of the uncertain birthtime it is inappropriate to consider possible aspects made by progressed and regressed angles. I would have preferred not to consider angles in relation to transits either, but here they may be significant because neither ♁ nor ♀ made any major contacts with other planets by either direct or reversed transit between 1986 and 1993. If the birthtime I have chosen is correct, however, there was an ♁ from ♁ to the Ascendant which began in December 1988 and lasted through repeated contacts till October 1990. There were also squares to the Mid-heaven lasting through 1990 and 1991. These were by direct transit. Reversed transits show precisely the opposite picture with ♁ ♁ the Mid-heaven and $\square$ the Ascendant over the same period. Naturally these aspects are appropriate, though I wish to stress once again that I am not grounding any case on them. Also one wonders why ♀ was not involved as well. He made no contacts. ♀ dominates in directions but otherwise, as I have noted earlier, ♁ seems to be slightly more prominent than ♀ in this horoscope.

To conclude, I can only say again that I wish I could have had a precise time of birth. Nevertheless, even without it, I think I have demonstrated that the tell-tale Born-Again pattern of alliance between ♀ and ☿ was operating in this case as it was in the others.

FINAL CONCLUSIONS. Let us first of all sum up the data that have emerged regarding Born-Again Christianity.

What it really amounts to is: "Watch out nowadays for people in whose charts ♀ is very strong, particularly if he is in a Fan or some other similar formation with several other planets whom he can lead or dominate." He is recruiting his elite corps from this material. He cannot operate here entirely on his own. To work on the material plane he ropes in some other principle he can get to work with or for him. Remember he rules the sea, not the land. Think of the 'sea' as the astral plane if you will. By himself on the material plane ♀ is rather like a fish out of water.

The other element in the picture is the alliance with ☿. ☿-♀ is the signature of Born-Again Christianity. After having beheld ☿'s strength in chart after chart of the six instances I have produced you might almost be forgiven for wondering whether he rather than ♀ was not the chief instigator of it all. However, it isn't so. Mel's chart nicely illustrates that. In her case ☿ was initially more strongly linked with ♀ than with ♀ and it was the occult world of fortune telling which was her addiction for years and years, not religion. But then she changed, because ♀ asserted his ultimately greater strength and drew ☿ onto his side. Together they turned the addiction into a religious addiction, via the Fan formation.

But what are we really to make of all this? Why should ♀, the creator and instigator of movements like Mormonism, Spiritualism, Theosophy, ecological awareness and the Green parties, as well as the UFO phenomenon, especially in its latest form which emphasizes abductions and the channeling of messages from extra-terrestrials, organize and champion a reactionary, fundamentalist Christian revival which rejects and condemns all of those things as well as most forms of alternative medicine (acupuncture,

homeopathy, etc.) into the bargain?

One reason is certainly the fact that ♀ is also involved as well in many if not most of the New Age movements. This is particularly obvious in the case of astrology, of course. Most astrologers would probably classify astrology in toto as a wholly Uranian science or art. And astrological symbolism is interwoven into alchemy, palmistry, many healing systems (especially those involving the Hindu chakras) and the very name of the



New Age itself, i.e. the Age of Aquarius, ♃'s own Sign. Why indeed should ♄ welcome the transition from the Age of Pisces, his Sign, to that of ♃?

Most of the occult and esoteric movements and alternative healing systems of the 19th and first half of the 20th centuries were a product of the alliance between ♃ and ♄. [Spiritualism is an entirely ♄'ian exception.] The alliance lasted from the French Revolution up till about 1960. Now I am suggesting that it has ruptured. ♄ is allying with ♀ instead, and this combination is reflected in a new emphasis upon and exploitation of religion in all the new nationalistic movements which are erupting everywhere. ♃'s rational/liberal opposition to them has become a new conservatism.

But isn't the Born-Again Christian movement also conservative — at least rigid, doctrinaire conservatism in fact, despite the basic irrational religious idealism at its core which is unmistakably ♄'ian?

Yes it is — but let us analyze a little further.

The first definite evidence of the split from ♃ was the Hippie movement of the 1960's with its attendant drug culture. It was a total rejection of the Establishment in an idealistic, ♄'ian way, not a rational, political one. And the Jesus Freaks too made their first appearance then, and it is they who have persisted. The Flower People per se have largely died out. Many of them have totally reneged, in fact, and developed instead into the most ruthless, upwardly mobile, materialistic business people who have ever existed, shedding all their humanitarian and ecological ideals along with the ♄'ian illusions which first led them to opt out of the Establishment. Now they just want to defeat the Establishment on its own terms. More or less respectable 'Greens' and ecologically-aware people still do exist, of course, but they too are now idealistic in a rational way. It is the born-againers alone who preserve the full intensity of irrationality in their fundamental refusal to modify their beliefs in any way in order to square them with the findings of modern science. Such people make the most formidable shock troops, and ♄, in alliance with ♀, seems to have decided to concentrate upon them above all. The next 15 to 20 years are going to see the greatest nationalist revival of all times and fundamentalists, both Christian and Islamic, will be the key prongs of it.

But paradoxically this does not mean that ♄ has relinquished all interest in the New Age. His Sign ♄ is a dual Sign and he is quite capable of carrying on two things (or more) in it at once, as ♀ is in ♀. He is active in the Peace Pole movement, in circle dancing, in meditation practices in schools (now called 'centering'), and a hundred and one other things including both white witchcraft and also the black variety which shades off into Satanism, the polar enemy of Christianity. But fundamentalist Christianity thrives on enemies. It is so much easier to know where you stand if

you can identify an enemy who not only opposes you but perverts or reverses your beliefs, and the more secretly he is supposed to do it and the more terrible and threatening his power is said to be the more you can shout about him and encourage your flock to flock together to resist him. Thus Born-Again Christianity grows and thrives.

♄ and ♅ really represent the extreme poles of a continuum which extends from spiritual idealism and emotional enthusiasm at one end to intellect and scientific objectivity at the other. In many ways they correspond to the right and left hemispheres of the brain. ♅ is the left brain, thinking serially and trying to understand the principles underlying all phenomena, logically. ♄ thinks in parallel, aware of everything at once, holistically. Actually they are complementary and we need them both, though it is only very rarely that they will truly agree to cooperate. At best they take turns as the hemispheres do in the average modern Western mind with the left hemisphere governing speech, mathematics and logical, serial thinking and the right the spatial sense, recognition of faces and our general sense of continuing identity. ♅ and ♄ used to do the same on the macrocosmic scene, though it seems they are not likely to do so in the foreseeable future. The hierarchy of Mount Olympus has broken down and the Gods are at war.

But one can so clearly see the need. Ever since the Industrial Revolution started two hundred and fifty years ago, followed by the French Revolution on the political scene fifty years later, the world has really been run by ♅. We have seen perpetual change. Steam engines were not good enough. They had to give way to electrical ones. Soon they will be atomic. Every political institution has been transformed. Computers have been devised to do our thinking for us. Whereas in the past the same institutions and techniques endured for millennia now nothing is stable. The whole of civilization is approaching critical mass, about to explode. ♄'s split from ♅ and decision to oppose him is from this point of view long overdue. He stands for spiritual change — inner change — and at the present time this is absolutely essential, possibly even at the cost of war.

Despite my having made this last statement I feel pretty sure that most readers of this and other articles of mine will have picked up from the way I write that my way of thinking tends on the whole to be Uranian rather than Neptunian. ♅ is emphasized in my chart, being on the MC and strongly involved with ♄, even though by opposition. He is also wary of ♄, as revealed by an exact quincunx to him. Nevertheless I would like to state here that I am not actually a rejecter of all religion — only of Born-Again religion, i.e. ♄'s extreme variety. Christianity (to take that one religion alone) has produced so much that is uplifting and beautiful in its more balanced forms that only a totally undiscerning and insensitive person

could condemn it. There is actually a weak $\odot \sigma \Psi$ in my chart and I think it has given me one thing which I value a great deal —an ability to see the funny side of things. I really regard that as perhaps Ψ 's greatest gift of all. It springs from his never being quite part of our ordinary everyday reality. He can see it from outside.

Ψ is the planet of illusions because he knows that our reality, if we take it too literally as being all there is, is itself illusion. I therefore end with the last lines of a poem by John R. Myhill (born 10:30 a.m. GMT on August 8, 1923 in Birmingham, England; ♄ rising, Ψ 3° from the $\odot$ in Ω). It is a long poem dealing with a big gathering in a large hall where all sorts of issues are being discussed, debated and held forth upon by speakers who hold the audience's attention and claim to be authorities but who probably aren't. It ends:

*Then I heard a chuckle behind some pipes
and a pall fell over the room;
And they looked around as a man stood up
A sinister man in a bowler hat;
And he told them that laughter was bred in the bone
And they couldn't forgive him that.*



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